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# Annual Report



TOWN OF  
**READING**  
MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

1944

## Town Officers

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### Board of Selectmen

KENNETH C. LATHAM, Chairman	Term expires	1945
CHARLES E. WILKINSON, Secretary	" "	1946
HERBERT K. MILLER	" "	1947
LEON G. BENT, Clerk		

### Board of Public Welfare

JOSEPH D. KNIGHT, Chairman	Term expires	1945
MILES C. HIGGINS, Secretary	" "	1946
CLARENCE J. STALLIDAY	" "	1947
EDWARD E. HARNDEN, Secretary and Superintendent		
GLADYS M. WILSON, Visitor		

### Bureau of Old Age Assistance

JOSEPH D. KNIGHT, Chairman	Term expires	1945
MILES C. HIGGINS	" "	1946
CLARENCE J. STALLIDAY	" "	1947
EDWARD E. HARNDEN, Director		
VIRGINIA C. SMITH, Secretary		
MARY F. DANIEL and RUTH C. SCHOLZ, Visitors		

### Board of Assessors

HAROLD B. CURRELL, Chairman	Term expires	1947
FRANK E. GRAY, Secretary	" "	1945
ARTHUR S. COOK	" "	1946

### Town Clerk

NORMAN P. CHARLES

### Town Counsel

SAMUEL H. DAVIS

### Moderator

SAMUEL H. DAVIS

### Treasurer

PRESTON F. NICHOLS

### Collector of Taxes

WILLIAM E. MORRISON

### Town Accountant

LEON G. BENT

### Veterans' Benefits Agent

CHARLES W. H. SMITH



### Board of Public Works

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman	Term expires	1945
ALEXANDER LINDSAY, Secretary	" "	1945
HAROLD W. PUTNAM	" "	1946
GILBERT M. LOTHROP	" "	1946
EDWARD TEER	" "	1947

### Board of Health

EDWARD M. HALLIGAN, M. D., Chairman	Term expires	1946
CHRISTINE F. ATKINSON, Secretary	" "	1945
CHARLES R. BAISLEY, M. D.	" "	1947

### Finance Committee

W. GARDNER LONG, Chairman	Term expires	1945
LOUIS DAVIS	" "	1945
ROBERT E. FOWLE	" "	1945
*JAMES R. MERCER, JR.	" "	1945
‡CHARLES STRATTON	" "	1945
LAWRENCE J. RUST	" "	1945
WILLIAM A. CONNELLY, D.M.D.	" "	1946
JOHN L. DEVANEY	" "	1946
BENJAMIN HOWE	" "	1946
CLARENCE M. KIMBALL	" "	1946
ALLAN H. STURGES	" "	1946
‡*CLEVELAND W. BRADLEY	" "	1947
‡CARL W. PINKHAM	" "	1947
MELVIN S. CROSBY	" "	1947
GEORGE E. CURTIS	" "	1947
WALTER M. FOWLER	" "	1947
G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS	" "	1947
LEON G. BENT, Clerk		

### School Committee

IRVING C. AUSTIN, Chairman	Term expires	1947
MERLE W. WESCOTT, D.M.D.	" "	1945
*MARGARET S. CANTY	" "	1945
‡MARY E. EARLEY	" "	1945
*EDITH W. HOLCOMB	" "	1946
‡GLADYS F. MILTON	" "	1945
NORMAN L. DUNCAN	" "	1946
J. WARREN KILLAM, JR.	" "	1947
ELBRIDGE C. GROVER, Ph. D., Secretary		

\*Resigned

‡Appointed to fill vacancy

**Superintendent of Schools**  
ELBRIDGE C. GROVER, Ph. D.

**Attendance Officer**  
JEAN F. RAMSAY

**School Physician**                      **School Nurse**  
THOMAS F. HALPIN, M.D.              MARGARET B. CLEWLEY

**Municipal Light Board**

HENRY R. JOHNSON, Chairman	Term expires	1947
LOUIS ELLENWOOD, Secretary	" "	1946
HERBERT G. EVANS	" "	1945
ARTHUR G. SIAS, Manager		

**Board of Registrars**

ROBERT S. RALSTON, Chairman	Term expires	1947
WALTER A. SCANLON, Secretary	" "	1946
JAMES H. FLEMING	" "	1945
NORMAN P. CHARLES, Clerk		

**Board of Cemetery Trustees**

CLARENCE C. WHITE, Chairman	Term expires	1947
FRED L. NUTTER, Secretary	" "	1946
HARRY C. BARR	" "	1945
*ARTHUR MICHELINI	" "	1945
‡ROMEO MICHELINI	" "	1945
FRANK L. EDGERLEY	" "	1946
JAMES W. FAIRCHILD	" "	1947

**Planning Board**

A. LLOYD DAVID, Chairman	Term expires	1945
GEORGE B. PEASE, Secretary	" "	1947
WINTHROP D. PARKER	" "	1946
WALTER D. BERRY	" "	1946
PHILIP R. WHITE	" "	1947

**Library Trustees**

A. IMRIE DIXON, Chairman	Term expires	1947
CATHERINE C. PIERCE, Secretary	" "	1945
WILLIAM J. TONKS	" "	1945
SIDNEY M. HODSON	" "	1946
C. NELSON BISHOP	" "	1946
CHRISTIE W. FOWLE	" "	1947

\*Resigned

‡Appointed to fill vacancy

### **Commissioners of Trust Funds**

W H. RAYMOND JOHNSON, Chairman	Term expires 1949
CLARENCE C. WHITE	" " 1945
ROBERT M. BROWN	" " 1947
Town Treasurer and Chairman of Selectmen, members ex-officiis	

### **Board of Appeal**

*BENJAMIN B. PIPER, Chairman	Term expires 1945
*FRED L. NUTTER, Secretary	" " 1946
CLIFTON S. NICHOLS	" " 1947
‡HERBERT T. SCHOPPERLY	" " 1946
‡ROBERT L. DEAN	" " 1945

### **Associate Members of Board of Appeal**

HOWARD T. CLINCH	Term expires 1946
(Two vacancies)	

<b>Inspector of Milk and Food</b>	<b>Sealer of Weights &amp; Measures</b>
CARL M. SMITH	CARL M. SMITH

### **Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Inspector**

§DAVID MARTIN  
‡DAVID TAGGART

<b>Inspector of Animals</b>	<b>Game Warden</b>
GARDINER A. LESTER, D.V.M.	JAMES T. PUTNAM

<b>Dog Officer</b>	<b>Inspector of Buildings</b>
CHARLES H. MELENDY	GEORGE H. SIDEBOTTOM

**Superintendent of Moth Work**  
MAURICE H. DONEGAN

<b>Tree Warden</b>	
MAURICE H. DONEGAN	Term expires 1947

**Burial Agent, Soldiers and Sailors**  
CHARLES E. TASNEY

**Custodian of Soldiers' Graves**  
HARRY A. TURNER

<b>Forest Warden</b>	<b>Deputy Forest Warden</b>
HUGH L. EAMES	MAURICE H. DONEGAN

<b>Constables</b>	
LEON G. BENT	J. WINTHROP SIAS

\*Resigned                      §Deceased                      ‡Appointed to fill vacancy

### **Insurance Committee**

Consists of Board of Selectmen, Town Treasurer and  
Chairman of Finance Committee

### **Law Committee**

Consists of the Chairman of the following Boards: Board of Selectmen,  
Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Board of Public Welfare, School  
Committee, Board of Public Works, Municipal Light Board.

### **1944 Ration Board Roster**

HERBERT C. TOWLE, Chairman

#### **Gasoline**

ROLAND B. HOAG, Chairman  
EVERETT C. COOMBS  
LAWRENCE W. ALLEN  
EDWARD H. BOWEN  
DONALD W. COAN  
ARTHUR HARRIS  
EDWARD K. JACKSON  
EARL F. SAMPSON

#### **Food**

JOHN A. SMITH, Chairman  
A. PERRY GLOVER

#### **Tires**

LESTER L. IVERS

#### **Fuel Oil**

FREDERICK H. TRUE, Chairman  
WILLIAM T. FAIRCLOUGH  
STANLEY F. MAXWELL  
JOHN M. WIDELL

#### **Price**

IRVING F. JEWETT, Chairman  
GEORGE E. FOGG  
BENJAMIN B. PIPER  
JOSEPH M. ROBINSON

#### **Price Panel Assistant**

MRS. AMY L. POLAND  
MISS MARY YEATON

#### **Police Department**

JEREMIAH CULLINANE, Chief

#### **Sergeants**

FRANCIS L. JOHNSON

FRANCIS T. SLACK

#### **Patrolmen**

TIMOTHY J. CULLINANE  
ARTHUR M. CURTIN  
ROLAND E. ELLIS  
FRANK R. FISHER  
THOMAS J. FITZPATRICK  
JOSEPH M. GREENE  
THOMAS E. WALL

EARL R. HUTCHINSON  
JAMES H. LAWLER  
§PATRICK J. LONG  
HAROLD W. O'BRIEN  
PATRICK J. PANTANO  
JOHN R. CONDON  
‡WILLIAM R. FLORENCE

§Retired

‡Appointed Oct. 20, 1944.

**Keeper of the Lock-up**  
JEREMIAH CULLINANE

**Fire Department**  
HUGH L. EAMES, Chief  
JOHN J. O'BRIEN, Deputy Chief

CHARLES H. HESELTON, Captain	LEWIS C. HOLDEN
HERBERT L. ROBERTSON, Lieut.	JAMES S. PERRY
GEORGE W. GOODRIDGE	NELSON P. O'BRIEN
ELMER A. DYKENS	§ALBERT C. MAXWELL

**Call Men**

JOSEPH ARSENAULT	H. HARVEY QUIGLEY
GEORGE E. BAXTER	HERMAN L. REISSLE
HOWARD E. BUSSELL	GEORGE G. ROGERS
‡ANDREW B. BUTTERS	G. WARREN SPRAGUE
JOHN J. CARNEY	F. LIONEL SPRINGFORD
CHARLES N. CHASE	JOHN A. SPURR
WILLIAM H. GAY, Capt.	WILLIAM R. VanHORN
JOHN L. GOODRIDGE	GEORGE S. ZANNI
¶E. CHESTER GOODWIN	§CLIFFORD E. LITCHFIELD
LESLIE C. HADLEY	§BERNARD SCHIMPFKE
FRANK H. HESELTON, Lieut.	JAMES R. MERCER, JR.

**Substitute Call Men**

JOSHUA T. DAY, JR.	CLEMENT T. GLEASON
MYLES A. DENNO	ROBERT W. SHANNON
GEORGE F. FOGG	WINNIFRED F. SPURR
DeMELLE G. GAREY	RALPH E. VanHORN

**Superintendent of Fire Alarm**  
HUGH L. EAMES

**Inspector of Wires**  
CHARLES F. TREVOR

**Measurers of Lumber**

WILLIAM R. ZWICKER	ELIAS B. CURRELL
FRED F. SMITH	

**Weighers of Coal and Hay**

THOMAS E. BROGAN	MABEL L. McKAY
CHARLES W. LEE	WENDELL B. NEWELL
BERTHA D. MacLELLAN	PERCY N. SWEETSER

‡Deceased.      ¶For Duration.      §Leave of absence.



### Measurers of Wood and Bark

PERCY N. SWEETSER

ELIAS B. CURRELL

THOMAS F. BROGAN

## Field Drivers

ERNEST T. WAKEFIELD

ADOLPH S. LARSON

EDWARD E. NICHOLS

## Fence Viewers

WENDELL B. NEWELL

CARL B. SAWYER

WARREN F. CHARLES

### Committee on Town Forests

LELAND W. KINGMAN

Term expires 1946

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY

" " 1947

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

" " 1945

### Committee on Elm Tree Protection

ANDREW CHRISTENSEN

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

JOHN F. SAWYER

## Tercentenary Committee

EDWARD F. PARKER, Chairman

FRANK D. TANNER

VICTOR E. PITKIN

ETHEL F. JOHNSON

WINTHROP D. PARKER

## Post War Planning Committee

GEORGE B. PEASE, Chairman

WENDELL P. DAVIS

W. GARDNER LONG

H. WILSON POWERS

IRVING C. AUSTIN

FRANK D. TANNER

RALPH G. BABCOCK, Secty.

## Capital Expenditures Planning Committee

WALTER D. BERRY, Chairman

JOHN L. DEVANEY

GEORGE R. BARRIS

JAMES R. MERCER, JR.

HENRY W. SHUMAKER

HORACE A. BAILEY

PHILIP R. WHITE

### Salvage Committee

OTIS B. RUGGLES, Chairman

C. NELSON BISHOP	ARTHUR G. SIAS
WILLIAM T. FAIRCLOUGH	HARRY E. SMITH
CHRISTIE W. FOWLE	HARMON D. SMITH
JOHN L. GRIFFIN	MOLLIE A. SWEETSER
MARION V. HARRINGTON	PHILIP P. WELCH
ELMER J. LARSON	CHARLES F. TREVOR, Secty.

### Recreation Committee

HERBERT K. MILLER, Chairman

‡GILBERT M. LOTHROP	‡EDITH W. HOLCOMB
*HAROLD W. PUTNAM	*MARY E. EARLEY
CHARLES F. LANCASTER, D. D.	

### Special Police Officers

JOHN F. MAGUIRE	Reading High School
PERCY W. CURTIS	Reading High School
WILLIAM A. LLOYD	Lowell St. School
EDWARD W. McBRIEN	Pearl St. School
WALTER C. SMITH	Jr. High School
KENNETH L. BEVERAGE	Jr. High School
SIMON CASTINE	Pearl St. School
FREDERICK L. REISSLE	Jr. High School
W. RAY YORKS	Highland School
LEANDER SMITH	Prospect and Chestnut Hill Schools
WILLIAM H. KILLAM	Masonic Block
GROVER C. EATON	Pumping Station
RALPH F. PLOUFF	Methodist Church
EDWARD E. HARNDEN	Center School Building
CHARLES L. GOWING, JR.	Reading Theatre
WILLIAM SLACK	Town Dump
FREDERICK W. BURNS	Town Forest
CHARLES E. LANGDON	Odd Fellows Building
CARL W. PINKHAM	Reading Rifle and Revolver Club
WILLIAM M. RICHARDS	First National Bank
JACOB C. NEILSON	Skating Ponds
HENRY O. BALLOU	Municipal Building and Library

‡Resigned.

\*Appointed to fill vacancy.

GEORGE G. ROGERS

Legion House

JAMES T. PUTNAM

Pumping Station and Vicinity P. W. Property

WILLIAM P. PIERPONT

CHARLES H. MELENDY

J. EDWARD BLACK

J. WINTHROP SIAS

GEORGE W. HALL

WILLIAM H. MILLER

HUGH L. EAMES

CHARLES E. HILTS

HARRY A. TURNER

First Baptist Church

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### Statistics

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Population, census of 1940, 10,866.

Registered Voters: Precinct No. 1 1670; Precinct No. 2 1740; Precinct No. 3 1683; Precinct No. 4 1757; Total 6850.

Eighth Congressional District.

Sixth Councillor District.

Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District.

Eighteenth Middlesex Representative District.

Representative in Congress, 8th District, Angier L. Goodwin, Melrose.

Councillor 6th District, Theodore P. Hollis, Stoneham.

Senator 7th Middlesex District, Arthur W. Coolidge, Reading.

Representatives 18th Middlesex District, Logan R. Dickie, Reading, and Herman P. Peterson, Woburn.

## List of Jurors for 1944-1945

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Prepared by the Board of Selectmen.

Name	Occupation	Residence
Ainsworth, Dennis J., Electrician		15 Woodbine St.
Albee, George H., Clerk		16 Mineral St.
Anderson, Carl E., Florist		362 Summer Ave.
Bancroft, Arthur W., Milk Dealer		63 West St.
Barr, Harry C., Merchant		33 Highland St.
Bates, H. Nelson, Agent		23 Nelson Ave.
Blois, Irving G., Bank Clerk		375 Lowell St.
Brophy, Edward A., Excavating Eng.		942 Main St.
Burchard, Edgar R., Messenger		52 Prescott St.
Burns, William A., Plasterer		534 Franklin St.
Canty, Elliott J., Storekeeper		43 Prescott St.
Charles, Norman P., Merchant		83 Bancroft Ave.
Chesley, Robert O., Accountant		11 Vista Ave.
Clinch, Howard T., Architect		4 Perkins Ave.
Cochran, G. Warren, Jr., Advertising		26 County Rd.
Cole, Benjamin, Merchant		76 Deering St.
Collins, Frank J., Dept. Head		11 Beech St.
Crafts, Clinton W., Clerk		277 Summer Ave.
Crowe, Howard W., Clerk		14 Bunker Ave.
Currier, Robert G., Dir. of Accounts		393 Summer Ave.
Curtis, George E., Asst. Supt.		58 Grand St.
Cutcliffe, Winthrop L., Ins. Broker		93 Harnden St.
David, A. Lloyd, Asst. Secty.		70 Howard St.
Davis, Wendell P., General Mgr.		155 Woburn St.
Day, William R., Gas Station Mgr.		36 Chute St.
Denno, Myles A., Govt. Real Estate		417 Summer Ave.
Dobbins, Andrew C., Foreman		72 Green St.
Doucette, Clarence L., Asst. Traffic Mgr.		13 Wenda St.
Dunn, Frank J., Foreman		137 Pleasant St.
Eagleston, Fred O., Tel. Installer		10 Thorndike St.
Ellison, Guy W., Clerk		92 Grand St.
Estabrook, Alvin E., Engineer		62 Temple St.
Fairchild, James W., Banker		1170 Main St.
Fowle, Robert E., Merchant		3 Perkins Ave.
Frazier, John L., P. O. Clerk		87 Ash St.
Frederickson, Arthur V., Testman		266 Lowell St.

Gale, Roger D., Supt.	30 Dudley St.
Garey, DeMelle G., Map Mounter	15 Hopkins St.
Gerard, Stanley R., X-Ray Technician	101 Hanscom Ave.
Graupner, Albert C. Jr., Asst. Ticket Agent	91 Pleasant St.
Greenleaf, Emmett F., General Agent	23 Weston Rd.
Hall, Burt S., Civil Engineer	25 Prescott St.
Harnden, Edward E., Supervisor	311 Summer Ave.
Haskins, George A., Civil Engineer	40 Dudley St.
Hegarty, Michael J., Store Manager	24 Oak St.
Herrick, Edward O., Service Manager	15 Kingston St.
Hersee, David E., Banker	38 Weston Rd.
Higgins, Miles C., Treasurer	8 Sanborn St.
Holmes, Lawton G., Organ Pipe Maker	228 Pleasant St.
Hoyt, Carl H., Toolmaker	90 Washington St.
Hurt, Adelbert F., Insurance Agent	41 Walnut St.
Ivers, Lester L., Insurance Adjuster	21 Kingston St.
Jackson, Edward K., Ins. Underwriter	218 West St.
Jacob, Henry P., Treasurer	10 Longview Rd.
Jeffrey, William G., Voicer	42 Locust St.
Johnson, Charles E., Expeditor	39 Wescroft Rd.
Johnson, Edward N., Farmer	10 Sylvan Rd.
Johnson, Ernest S., Auditor	16 California Rd.
Jones, Elmer D., Receiving Clerk	24 Charles St.
Kingman, Chester E., Retired	12 Sanborn St.
Kingman, Leland W., Business Manager	62 Sanborn St.
Knight, Joseph D., Security Salesman	7 Perkins Ave.
Lane, Walter F., General Electric	524 Pearl St.
Latham, Oliver, Salesman	5 Grand St.
Lenfest, Arthur M., Advertising	8 Copeland Ave.
Lester, Henry R., Silversmith	428 Summer Ave.
Litchfield, Benjamin, Head Teller	29 Pennsylvania Ave.
Lyle, Robert P., Income Tax Acct.	364 Lowell St.
Mansell, Walter H., Chief Electrician	9 Pennsylvania Ave.
Marchetti, Leo, B. & M. Clerk	30 Bolton St.
Mason, Philip E., Chemist	12 Parkview Rd.
Maxwell, Stanley F., Clerk	39 Berkeley St.
McDonald, Oscar E., Tel. Testman	23 Lee St.
Meikle, M. Russell, Insurance	141 Grove St.
Michellini, Ralph A., Salesman	55 Walnut St.
Miller, F. Warren, Salesman	47 Prescott St.
Milton, Henry C., Salesman	281 Summer Ave.
Miner, Paul H., Insurance	14 Wescroft Rd.



Newell, Harry R., Factory Employee	172 Washington St.
Nichols, Clifton S., Credit Man	17 School St.
Nordberg, Nils L., Guard	753 Main St.
Parker, Moses C., Machinist	166 Washington St.
Petkewich, William, Retired	87 Howard St.
Pierce, Lewis E., Telephone Engineer	13 Elliott St.
Pinkham, Carl W., Estimator	128 Pleasant St.
Poock, Otto F., Retired	50 Federal St.
Powers, Henry W., Funeral Director	65 Harnden St.
Pratt, Lyman E., Cashier	123 Salem St.
Pratt, Wilfred E., Insurance Broker	332 Summer Ave.
Quimby, Carlyle F., Real Estate	42 Pratt St.
Richards, Homer F., Engineer	54 Fairview Ave.
Riley, George J., Bank Teller	66 Hancock St.
Roberts, Carl W., Civil Engineer	10 Deering St.
Rowell, Walter L., Clerk	202 Bancroft Ave.
Rudolph, John I., Salesman	93 Washington St.
Ruggles, Carter K., Advertising	89 King St.
Sargent, Albert E., Military Archivist	18 Oak St.
Sawyer, John F., Manager	8 Arlington St.
Sias, Wilbur S., Foreman	1244 Main St.
Smith, Harmon D., District Manager	32 Wescroft Rd.
Smith, Ralph W., Salesman	22 Scotland Rd.
Spurr, Winfred F., Asst. Manager	5 Woodward Ave.
St. Louis, William J., Foreman	158 Woburn St.
Sullivan, Martin V. B., Wool Salesman	93 Summer Ave.
Sussman, Rudolph, Principal	187 West St.
Tasney, Charles E., Collector	7 Gould St.
Taylor, Edward J., Cashier	13 Forest St.
Taylor, Robert, Salesman	8 Willow St.
Taylor, Walter F., Janitor	54 Pleasant St.
Teel, C. Sumner, Insurance	113 Walnut St.
Thomas, Clarence L., Asst. Manager	182 Bancroft Ave.
Toothaker, Raymond D., Superintendent	128 Prospect St.
Weston, Harold L., Florist	69 Locust St.
Whelpley, George E., Clerk	430 West St.
Woodside, A. Clifford, Jr., Insurance Underwriter	773 Main St.
Woodward E. Whitcomb, Bank Clerk	60 Highland St.
Wooldridge, Herbert J., Electrician	156 High St.

KENNETH C. LATHAM,  
CHAS. E. WILKINSON,  
HERBERT K. MILLER,

Selectmen of Reading, Mass.

# Report of the Town Clerk

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 6, 1944

### TOWN WARRANT

(Seal)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections, to meet in Security Hall, Woburn St., in said Reading as the polling place designated for the four precincts in said Town, on Monday the sixth day of March, A.D. 1944, at seven o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To elect by ballot the following Town Officers: a Moderator for one year, Town Clerk for one year; one member of the Selectmen for three years; one member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years; one member of the Board of Assessors for three years; Treasurer for one year; Collector of Taxes for one year; one member of the Board of Public Works for three years; one member of the Board of Public Works for two years; two Constables for one year; one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years; one member of the Board of Health for three years; two members of the School Committee for three years; one member of the School Committee for one year; two Trustees of the Public Library for three years; two members of the Planning Board for three years; two members of the Board of Cemetery Trustees for three years; Tree Warden for three years; also in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1943, in each of the four precincts forty-five Town Meeting Members, the first third in the order of votes received of members so elected to serve three years, the second third in such order to serve two years; and the remaining third in such order to serve one year.

For these purposes the polls will be opened at each of the four precincts at seven o'clock A. M. and will be closed at eight o'clock P. M.

And to meet in Security Hall, Woburn St., in said Reading, on Monday, the Thirteenth Day of March, A. D. 1944, at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening at which time and place the following articles are to be acted upon and determined exclusively by Town Meeting Members in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1943.

Article 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Board of Selectmen, Town Accountant, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Board of Assessors, Board of Public Works, Town Clerk, Tree Warden, Board of Health, Board of Public Welfare, School Committee, Public Library

Trustees, Municipal Light Board, Finance Committee, Contributory Retirement Board, and any other Boards or Special Committees.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers and special committees and determine what instructions shall be given town officers and special committees.

Article 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Health and Sanitation, Board of Public Works, including Highways, Sidewalks, Drainage, Common Parks and Supervised Play, Water Department, and Sewer Department, Public Dumps, Charities and Aid; Soldier's Benefits, Public Schools, Public Library, Cemeteries, Memorial Day Observance, Municipal Light Department, Street Lighting, Maturing Debt, Interest, Insurance, Contributory Retirement System, and General Accounts.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Town Treasurer

Article 6. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of foreclosing in the Land Court pursuant to the provisions of Section 65 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws, the right of redemption to any and all Real Estate taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Town Treasurer

Article 7. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Reserve Fund as provided by Section 6, Chapter 40, General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Town Accountant

Article 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) for the care of graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States, in time of war or insurrection, and who have been honorably discharged from such service, as provided by Section 22, Chapter 115, General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate by borrowing or otherwise a sum sufficient to pay the County of Middlesex, as required by law on account of assessment levied on the Town for its share of the maintenance, care and repair and other lawful expenses incurred in 1943 for the Middlesex County Sanatorium, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 10. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the preparation and printing of a Street List for the year 1944, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Civilian Defense, for the purpose set forth in Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1941, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate for the alteration and improvement of the Central Fire Station, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or exchange, upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, the Police Ambulance; to see what disposition the Town will make of the proceeds thereof, and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purchase of a new ambulance for the Police Department, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend the first paragraph of Section 1 of Article VI of the By-Laws of the Town by adding thereto the words:—but nothing herein shall prohibit a member of such committee from holding office as a Town Meeting Member under any Representative Town Meeting Government, so as to read as follows:

Section 1. There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of fifteen voters of the Town, no one of whom shall be a Town officer, or a member of a department receiving a salary, but nothing herein shall prohibit a member of such committee from holding office as a Town Meeting Member under any form of Representative Town Meeting Government. Board of Selectmen

Article 15. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the installation of new heating systems in the Highland and Lowell Street Schools, including the Engineering service, plans, and specifications therefor, or what it will do in relation thereto. School Committee

Article 16. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to pay into the teachers retirement system for the benefit of teachers on military leave of absence during the years 1942 and 1943, as provided for and under authority of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943, or what it will do in relation thereto. School Committee

Article 17. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the preparation of plans, surveys, and specifications, and for such architectural and engineering advice and services as may be deemed necessary for the design of a new Senior High School, or what it will do in relation thereto. School Committee

Article 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty and 80/100 (\$30.80) dollars under authority of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1941 for the payment of unpaid 1941 bill for Industrial Tuition due the City of Malden, or what it will do in relation thereto. School Committee

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, purchasing and operating road machinery and equipment for the use of and under the

direction of the Board of Public Works, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 20. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of re-surfacing the Mineral Street Bridge, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 21. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of ploughing, harrowing, and furnishing aid in the cultivation of private land, as authorized under the provisions of Chapter 75 of the Acts of 1943, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 22. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the collection of such scrap materials as may be salvaged, for the use in the production of materials necessary for the prosecution of the war; said appropriation to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Public Works, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 111 of the By-Laws by adding after Section 2 the following new Section:

Section 3. The Board of Public Works is hereby authorized and empowered to aid any neighboring City or Town in repairing and maintaining the physical properties of its water supply system, under authority of Chapter one hundred twenty-five of the Acts of nineteen hundred and forty-three, and may extend such aid subject to such terms and conditions as Board may impose.

Board of Public Works

Article 24. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Cemetery Reserve for the permanent development of Laurel Hill and Forest Glen Cemeteries, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Cemetery Trustees

Article 25. To see what action the Town will take regarding the installation of additional street lights for the public streets during the year 1944, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Municipal Light Board

Article 26. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of conducting and promoting recreation, play, sport, physical education, and other social, educational and recreational activities, upon such land and buildings as defined in Section 14 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Recreation Committee

Article 27. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise in part from available funds, or by borrowing or otherwise, and appropriate for the cost of the preliminary engineering and architectural advice and services, plans, surveys and specifications and otherwise, in cooperation with the Post War Planning Program, for re-grading Ditches, Granolithic Sidewalks, Parks and Playgrounds, including Junior High School Field, Extension Water System by additional Wells, Sewer Extensions,



Storage Sheds near Municipal Garage, Extension Municipal Garage for Water Department Equipment, Storm Drains, and Index of Public Works Records, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 28. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Post War Planning Committee, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Post War Planning Committee

Article 29. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to pay into the Contributory Retirement System for Municipal Employees, excluding School Teachers, for the benefit of municipal employees on military leave of absence during the years 1942 and 1943, as provided for and under the authority of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Contributory Retirement Board

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to be known as "Capital Expenditures Planning Committee," for the purpose of establishing, promoting and developing in the Town a long range plan of Capital expenditures of the various Boards and Committees of the Town, and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate therefor, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Capital Expenditures Committee

Article 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the observance of the tercentenary of the incorporation of the Town, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Tercentenary Committee, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Tercentenary Committee

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to secure as headquarters for Reading Post 62 of the American Legion the premises situated on the Westerly side of Ash Street known as Victory House and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00) as rent for such premises for the term of one year, or what it will do in relation thereto.

H. Wilson Powers and others

Article 33. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the further development of the Town Forest, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Committee on Re-Forestation

Article 34. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for Child Welfare Work, to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association and the Board of Health, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Frances K. Wright and others

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least three public places in each of the four precincts of the Town, not less than seven days prior to March 6, 1944, the date

set for the meeting in said warrant, and to cause this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle, one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of February, A.D., 1944.

HERBERT K. MILLER,  
KENNETH C. LATHAM,  
CHARLES E. WILKINSON,  
Selectmen of Reading

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### Officer's Return

Middlesex, ss:

Reading, Mass., February 26, 1944

By virtue of this warrant I this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections to meet in the place, and at the time specified in the warrant, by posting attested copies in the following public places within the Town of Reading:

#### Precinct No. 1

Holder's Store	Salem Street
Reading Fire Station No. 1	Pleasant Street
Pioneer Food Store	Main Street

#### Precinct No. 2

Cleveland's Store	West Street
Harrow's Poultry Farm	Main Street
M. F. Charles' Store	Main Street

#### Precinct No. 3

Reading Fire Station No. 2	Woburn Street
Waterhouse' Store	Mineral Street
F. I. White Organ Pipe Factory	Lowell Street

#### Precinct No. 4

Sailor Tom's Restaurant	Main Street
MacLaughlin's Store	Main Street
Naborhood Store	Lowell Street

The same being not less than seven days prior to March 6, 1944, the date set for said meeting. I also caused the same to be published in the Reading Chronicle, date of March 3, 1944, the same being at least one day before the time appointed for said meeting.

Signed:

J. W. SIAS,  
Constable of Reading

## ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Pursuant to the Warrant and the Constable's return thereon, a Town Meeting was held at the time and place specified in the warrant, and was called to order by the Town Clerk.

On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that Samuel H. Davis be nominated for Temporary Moderator.

On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the nominations be closed.

On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the Town Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Samuel H. Davis as Temporary Moderator.

As instructed the Town Clerk cast one ballot for Samuel H. Davis as Temporary Moderator and declared him elected.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, when on motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that further reading of the warrant be dispensed with except the Constable's return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

The polls were then declared open in due form.

The polls were opened at 7.00 A. M. and closed at 8.00 P. M. with the following results:

Whole number of ballots cast 2038.

	Prec.	Prec.	Prec.	Prec.	
<b>Moderator for one year</b>	1	2	3	4	Totals
Samuel H. Davis, 97 Highland St. ....	347	474	438	461	1720
Blanks .....	77	102	66	73	318
<b>Town Clerk for one year</b>					
Norman P. Charles, 83 Bancroft Ave.....	399	518	465	505	1887
Blanks .....	25	58	39	29	151
<b>Selectmen for three years</b>					
Herbert K. Miller, 443 Summer Ave. ....	374	475	440	467	1756
Blanks .....	50	101	64	67	282
<b>Board of Public Welfare for three years</b>					
Clarence J. Stalliday, 64 Pearl St. ....	348	450	423	440	1661
Blanks .....	76	125	81	94	376
Kittie Bangs .....		1			1
<b>Assessor for three years</b>					
Harold B. Currell, 50 Chute St. ....	360	472	444	461	1737
Blanks .....	64	104	60	73	301
<b>Treasurer for one year</b>					
Preston F. Nichols, 68 Linden St. ....	377	490	458	486	1811
Blanks .....	47	86	46	48	227
<b>Tax Collector for one year</b>					
William E. Morrison, 21 Pilgrim Rd.....	385	506	459	494	1844
Blanks .....	39	70	45	40	194

**Municipal Light Board for three years**

Henry R. Johnson, 15 Woodward Ave. . .	343	466	430	450	1689
Blanks . . . . .	81	110	74	84	349

**One member Board of Public Works for three years**

Henry W. Powers, 65 Harnden St. . . . .	185	261	195	194	835
Edward Teer, 308 Lowell St. . . . .	205	259	257	289	1010
Blanks . . . . .	34	56	52	51	193

**One member Board of Public Works for two years**

Harold W. Putnam, 147 Bancroft Ave. . .	218	315	348	358	1239
Harmon D. Smith, 32 Wescroft Rd. . . . .	170	228	124	161	683
Blanks . . . . .	36	33	32	15	116

**Two Constables for one year**

Leon G. Bent, 767 Main St. . . . .	355	465	440	458	1718
J. Winthrop Sias, 43 Salem St. . . . .	341	453	427	467	1688
Blanks . . . . .	152	234	141	143	670

**One member Board of Health for three years**

Charles R. Baisley, 46 Woburn St. . . . .	363	496	455	490	1804
Blanks . . . . .	61	80	49	44	234

**Two members School Committee for three years**

Irving C. Austin, 180 Prescott St. . . . .	298	398	394	390	1480
J. Warren Killam, Jr., 340 Summer Ave. .	252	296	226	314	1088
Gould B. Ruggles, 224 High St. . . . .	202	310	307	263	1082
Blanks . . . . .	96	148	81	101	426

**One member of School Committee for one year**

Merle W. Wescott, 16 Sanborn St. . . . .	365	484	434	483	1766
Blanks . . . . .	59	92	70	51	272

**Two Trustees Public Library for three years**

A. Imrie Dixon, 88 Prescott St. . . . .	346	457	434	451	1688
Christie W. Fowle, 3 Perkins Ave. . . . .	335	449	407	445	1636
Blanks . . . . .	167	246	167	172	752

**Two members Planning Board for three years**

George B. Pease, 181 Summer Ave. . . . .	340	453	423	440	1656
Philip R. White, 189 Summer Ave. . . . .	347	460	422	439	1668
Blanks . . . . .	161	239	163	189	752

**Two Cemetery Trustees for three years**

James W. Fairchild, 1170 Main St. . . . .	361	461	435	475	1732
Clarence C. White, 40 Sanborn St. . . . .	370	468	438	471	1747
Blanks . . . . .	117	223	135	122	597

**Tree Warden for three years**

Maurice H. Donegan, 21 Federal St. . . .	367	484	445	486	1782
Blanks . . . . .	57	92	59	48	256

# **Town Meeting Members for Precinct 1 (Vote for forty-five)**

Horace A. Bailey, 93 Salem St. ....	273
Harvey F. Bartlett, 72 Belmont St. ....	250
George S. Berry, 33 Harrison St. ....	251
William C. Bliss, 194 Pleasant St. ....	236
Elizabeth M. Brown, 309 Haven St. ....	252
Ernest E. Brown, 76 Pearl St. ....	289
Everett W. Brown, 100 John St. ....	269
Robert E. Chapman, 521 Summer Ave. ....	240
John Clapperton, 161 Pleasant St. ....	273
Harold W. Cogger, 9 Cross St. ....	249
Mary F. Daniel, 33 Salem St. ....	249
Everett J. Doucette, 40 Shackford Rd. ....	236
Louis Ellenwood, 326 Haven St. ....	268
Raymond E. Foster, 23 Smith Ave. ....	237
Walter M. Fowler, 38 Fairmount Rd. ....	253
Edgar L. Frost, 272 Ash St. ....	261
Laura S. Gordon, 249 Haven St. ....	258
Norman W. Haines, 32 Thorndike St. ....	272
Grace M. Harriman, 633 Main St. ....	243
Louise B. Jenkins, 161 Salem St. ....	251
Harold L. Jones, 19 Belmont St. ....	242
Avery L. Joyce, 17 Smith Ave. ....	230
Wallace H. Knowlton, Jr., 773 Main St. ....	238
Elmer J. Larson, 10 Fairmount Rd. ....	237
Douglas B. Lincoln, 335 Haven St. ....	245
Herbert Mitchell, 156 Salem St. ....	238
Nils L. Nordberg, 753 Main St. ....	254
Winthrop D. Parker, 1 Charles St. ....	261
Lewis E. Pierce, 13 Elliot St. ....	246
Carl W. Pinkham, 128 Pleasant St. ....	267
Henry W. Powers, 65 Harnden St. ....	258
Lincoln T. Prescott, 28 Thorndike St. ....	242
Thomas H. Ratchford, 19 Wilson St. ....	245
George G. Rogers, 105 Libby Ave. ....	230
Harold M. Rogers, 119 Salem St. ....	240
Katherine J. Russell, 26 Wilson St. ....	239
John B. Russell, 266 Ash St. ....	237
Karl R. Saunders, 57 Cross St. ....	242
Thaddeus P. Shaw, 80 Pearl St. ....	235
Wilson A. Smith, 10 Smith Ave. ....	225
Everett L. Snow, 62 Belmont St. ....	239
Harold P. Snow, 72 Cross St. ....	234
Howard W. Stockbridge, 4 Smith Ave. ....	231
Ernest T. Wakefield, 65 Wakefield St. ....	260



A. Clifford Woodside, 773 Main St. ....	215
Dominic Zanni, 22 Lakeview Ave. ....	196

**Town Meeting Members for Precinct 2 (Vote for forty-five)**

Ernest C. Alward, 450 Summer Ave. ....	261
Eric A. R. Anderson, 16 Pennsylvania Ave. ....	263
Charles R. Baisley, 46 Woburn St. ....	416
Walter D. Berry, 26 Virginia Rd. ....	204
Eleanor C. Bishop, 60 Hillcrest Rd. ....	270
Roger M. Blood, 15 Oak Ridge Rd. ....	258
Frederick E. Boyers, 59 Howard St. ....	301
Eleanor M. Brown, 12 Main St. ....	163
Stanley C. Brown, 12 Main St. ....	160
Clayton E. Luxton, 34 Wescroft Rd. ....	195
Carl R. Carlson, 329 South St. ....	188
Robert O. Chesley, 11 Vista Ave. ....	310
George W. Cochrane, Jr., 26 County Rd. ....	232
Stanley W. Colburn, 193 Prescott St. ....	229
George H. Darling, 21 Fairview Ave. ....	223
A. Lloyd David, 70 Howard St. ....	300
Harrison G. Dodge, 228 West St. ....	259
Albert O. Dyson, 29 Knollwood Rd. ....	153
Roger P. Eaton, 22 Echo Ave. ....	272
Frank M. Elwell, Jr., 3 Indiana Ave. ....	235
Herbert G. Evans, 54 Howard St. ....	258
Robert E. Fowle, 3 Perkins Ave. ....	354
DeMelle G. Garey, 15 Hopkins St. ....	253
Alexander P. Glover, 158 Prescott St. ....	309
Esther Goodale, 129 West St. ....	264
Harriet O. Grover, 6 Pine Ridge Rd. ....	250
Arthur L. Harris, 59 Oak St. ....	224
John H. Haskell, 29 Wescroft Rd. ....	169
Sydney M. Hodson, 51 Oak St. ....	352
Walter S. Hopkins, Jr., 472 Summer Ave. ....	363
Kenneth G. Hulsman, 284 Woburn St. ....	252
Adelbert F. Hurt, 41 Walnut St. ....	215
Leon T. Hutchins, 175 Prescott St. ....	223
Frederick D. B. Ingalls, 1 Hopkins St. ....	274
Charles E. Johnson, 39 Wescroft Rd. ....	180
Edward N. Johnson, 10 Sylvan Rd. ....	197
Theodore H. Johnson, 246 Woburn St. ....	229
Edward E. Jost, 65 County Rd. ....	122
C. Wilfred Kelley, 46 Fairview Ave. ....	157
James A. Mercer, Jr., 218 West St. ....	346
George E. Merrill, 139 Howard St. ....	218
Henry C. Milton, 281 Summer Ave. ....	248

Prescott R. Nichols, 22 Springvale Rd. ....	289
Lawrence A. Partelow, 17 Pine Ridge Rd. ....	270
Carl B. Pitman, 23 Oak St. ....	285
Amy F. Poland, 75 Oak St. ....	220
Stanley G. Pulson, 324 South St. ....	113
Carlyle F. Quimby, 42 Pratt St. ....	297
Leone F. Quimby, 33 Howard St. ....	312
Raymond C. Richardson, 35 Pine Ridge Rd. ....	186
Neil C. Robinson, 15 Vista Ave. ....	236
Herbert T. Schoppelry, 196 Prescott St. ....	302
John A. Smith, 11 Pine Ridge Rd. ....	163
Harmon D. Smith, 32 Wescroft Rd. ....	213
Linwood L. Spencer, 20 Perkins Ave. ....	246
Rudolf Sussmann, 187 West St. ....	281
C. Sumner Teel, 113 Walnut St. ....	279
Marion B. Temple, 32 Hillcrest Rd. ....	266
William J. Tonks, 3 Copeland Ave. ....	196
Helen M. Towle, 22 West St. ....	211
Harry R. Walker, 33 Curtis St. ....	129
Loring F. Wilcox, 67 Hillcrest Rd. ....	311
Hector A. Xavier, 550 West St. ....	176

#### **Town Meeting Members for Precinct 3 (Vote for forty-five)**

George W. Abbott, 32 Mineral St. ....	350
Stephen A. Abbott, 25 Prospect St. ....	174
Charles I. Alger, 144 Woburn St. ....	267
Wilmer D. Barrett, 461 West St. ....	152
Bertha P. Benjamin, 18 Berkeley St. ....	271
Lester C. Boston, 43 Vine St. ....	259
Harrison A. Bowers, 84 King St. ....	236
John D. Buttrick, 67 Prospect St. ....	159
Lawrence G. Crosby, 64 Grand St. ....	222
Melvin S. Crosby, 50 Middlesex Ave. ....	261
George E. Curtis, 58 Grand St. ....	279
Grace C. Curtis, 41 Hancock St. ....	219
Oscar M. David, 211 High St. ....	210
Blanche M. Davis, 155 Woburn St. ....	248
Louis Davis, 8 Vine St. ....	312
Joshua T. Day, Jr., 64 Berkeley St. ....	202
John L. Devaney, 34 Washington St. ....	233
Clarence L. Doucette, 13 Wenda St. ....	156
Alvin E. Estabrook, 62 Temple St. ....	217
Clement T. Gleason, 53 Prescott St. ....	239
George W. Gunn, 37 School St. ....	200
Marshall P. Harris, 143 Prospect St. ....	283
Walter E. Hawkes, 86 Vine St. ....	265

Ralph T. Horn, 46 Grand St. ....	176
Katherine G. Howard, 186 Summer Ave. ....	282
Bradford B. Howes, 23 Vine St. ....	159
John R. Kay, 50 Grand St. ....	128
Alfred S. Knight, 229 West St. ....	203
James A. Knox, 12 Temple St. ....	150
Earle O. Latham, 69 Prescott St. ....	296
Herbert W. Lewis, 68 Grand St. ....	186
Louis M. Lyons, 24 Vale Rd. ....	303
Daniel Madio, 24 Pilgrim Rd. ....	82
Harry A. Merchant. Jr., 91 Prescott St. ....	161
Richard G. Moore, 40 Grand St. ....	186
William E. Morrison, 21 Pilgrim Rd. ....	304
Donald H. Morse, 18 Bond St. ....	289
John H. Nargis, 150 Prospect St. ....	107
Arthur S. Nesmith, 93 King St. ....	275
George E. Ninde, 171 Woburn St. ....	152
G. Taylor Oliver, Jr., 87 Summer Ave. ....	153
George B. Pease, 181 Summer Ave. ....	261
Robert S. Perry, 22 Dudley St. ....	264
Victor E. Pitkin, 28 Glen Rd. ....	227
Joseph H. Reed, 78 Middlesex Ave. ....	245
Ernest D. Richmond, Jr., 24 Longview Rd. ....	273
Alfred W. Rooney, 15 Willow St. ....	162
Gould B. Ruggles, 224 High St. ....	337
William J. St. Louis, 158 Woburn St. ....	152
Edward P. Shaw, 207 High St. ....	168
Andrew W. Sheridan, 126 Lowell St. ....	149
Frederick L. Springford, 77 Middlesex Ave. ....	298
Frank M. Stevens, 14 School St. ....	280
Mollie A. Sweetser, 192 Woburn St. ....	327
Willis F. Tucker, Jr., 16 Vale Rd. ....	222
Hugh N. Turner, 85 Vine St. ....	235
Joshua D. Upton, 79 Woburn St. ....	180
Charles B. Weeks, 78 King St. ....	184
Mildred E. Wheeler, 22 Temple St. ....	180
Philip R. White, 189 Summer Ave. ....	269
Nelson R. Whithed, 83 Summer Ave. ....	283
Herbert J. Wooldridge, 156 High St. ....	332

#### **Town Meeting Members for Precinct 4 (Vote for forty-five)**

James W. Alger, 32 Federal St. ....	350
Dorothy A. Allard, 8 Wells Rd. ....	355
H. Nelson Bates, 23 Nelson Ave. ....	270
Nellie P. Beaton, 299 Lowell St. ....	285
Willis F. Bird, 91 Franklin St. ....	307

Edwin H. Bowen, 24 Puritan Rd. ....	192
John W. Bowman, 15 Puritan Rd. ....	197
Frederick L. Bruns, 294 Charles St. ....	222
Frederick W. Burns, 19 Harold Ave. ....	170
William E. Burpee, 20 Lawrence Rd. ....	295
Florence L. Burnham, 89 Highland St. ....	259
Adra P. Camp, 28 Highland St. ....	287
Arthur W. Converse, 185 Grove St. ....	206
Howard W. Crowe, 14 Bunker Ave. ....	181
Oliver H. Currier, Jr., 31 Cottage Park ....	168
Robert A. Curtis, 186 Bancroft Ave. ....	245
Robert L. Dean, 561 Pearl St. ....	259
James W. Fairchild, 1170 Main St. ....	378
Lawrence E. Frost, 5 John Carver Rd. ....	251
Elizabeth S. Garrett, 3 Lawrence Rd. ....	238
Stanley R. Gerard, 101 Hanscom Ave. ....	266
Chester A. Gibson, 125 Forest St. ....	239
Carl W. Goodridge, 206 Bancroft Ave. ....	328
Thomas L. Harris, 67 Woburn St. ....	200
Albert C. Harvey, 958 Main St. ....	225
Charles R. Herrick, 1243 Main St. ....	229
Donald Higgins, 51 Grove St. ....	216
William Hoag, 1126 Main St. ....	251
Robert H. Hodson, 21 Mt. Vernon St. ....	331
Charles R. Kenney, 128 Pearl St. ....	164
Benjamin Knudson, Jr., 60 Hanscom Ave. ....	256
James W. Lee, 29 Franklin St. ....	227
Elbridge A. Lucas, 565 Franklin St. ....	244
Roderick E. MacDonald, 11 John Carver Rd. ....	200
Philip E. Mason, 12 Parkview Rd. ....	265
Hugh P. McGee, 14 Grove St. ....	171
Clifford R. Nelson, 83 Hanscom Ave. ....	244
Fred W. Nelson, 420 Franklin St. ....	281
Francis W. O'Leary, 17 Spruce Rd. ....	127
Ada M. Oram, 62 Franklin St. ....	180
Harold W. Putnam, 147 Bancroft Ave. ....	349
Florence C. Robinson, 1137 Main St. ....	266
Hugh A. Ross, 54 Hanscom Ave. ....	216
Otis B. Ruggles, 52 Weston Rd. ....	295
Lawrence J. Rust, 39 John Carver Rd. ....	260
Walter G. Sargent, Jr., 200 Grove St. ....	220
Kenneth E. Sawyer, 167 Lowell St. ....	268
William Stone, 212 Franklin St. ....	204
Charles P. Stratton, 174 Bancroft Ave. ....	342
Marion R. Symonds, 170 Bancroft Ave. ....	268
Charles W. H. Smith, 155 Wakefield St. ....	259

Timothy J. Sullivan, 21 Hanscom Ave. ....	121
Edward J. Taylor, 13 Forest St. ....	210
Harry A. Turner, 17 Highland St. ....	214
William P. Webb, 309 Pearl St. ....	262
Clarence E. Whitten, 10 Mt. Vernon St. ....	167
Calvin A. Wood, 57 Woburn St. ....	226
Albert H. Woodward, 72 Linden St. ....	173
Richmond W. Woodward, Jr., 24 Weston Rd. ....	201
E. Whitcomb Woodward, 60 Highland St. ....	242

Voted to adjourn, at 3:30 a. m. to meet in Security Hall, on Monday, March 13th.

Attest:

NORMAN P. CHARLES,  
Town Clerk

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### Saturday, March 11, 1944

A meeting was called by the Town Clerk to settle a tie between Mrs. Katherine J. Russell, 26 Willow St., and Everett L. Snow, 62 Belmont St.

The meeting was attended by 30 representatives who were duly sworn to the duties by the Town Clerk.

Mr. Ernest C. Wakefield who was elected to the wrong precinct stated that he would resign, but was prevailed upon to serve for a year, in this precinct.

A vote was then taken by ballot to determine whether Mrs. Russell or Mr. Snow should serve for the two year term. The result was a tie.

Mrs. Russell said she would take the one year term, but it was decided to vote again.

On the second ballot, Everett L. Snow was elected for the two year term, receiving 16 votes, and Mrs. Russell, for the one year term, receiving 14 votes.

Motions were then in order for a chairman for one year, and a clerk for one year.

Horace A. Bailey, 93 Salem St., was nominated and elected on a hand vote.

Edgar L. Frost, 272 Ash St., was elected clerk.

The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Bailey by the Town Clerk.

Attest:

NORMAN P. CHARLES,  
Town Clerk

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall

March 13, 1944

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Samuel H. Davis promptly at 7:45 p. m., and proceeded to clarify the situation of doubt by some members that the meeting was legal.

The fact that this meeting was an adjourned meeting of the March 6 meeting, no notice of meeting was required by Town Clerk.

The Town meeting members were then sworn to office by the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk partially read the warrant, when on motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the warrant, except the Constables return, which was then read by the clerk.

Article 2. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to lay Article 2 on the table.

Article 3. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the following be chosen to serve as Measurers of Lumber for the ensuing year:

Elias B. Currell

William R. Zwicker

Fred F. Smith

and that the following be chosen to serve as Measurers of Wood and Bark:

Percy N. Sweetser

Elias B. Currell

Thomas F. Brogan

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to lay Article 3 on the table.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of thirty thousand eight hundred and six dollars and eight cents (\$30,806.08) be raised and appropriated for General Government as follows:

Selectmen's Expenses .....	\$ 1,000.00
Selectmen's Clerical .....	1,069.70
Town Accountant's Salary .....	1,709.54
Treasurer's Salary .....	1,575.00
Treasurer's Expenses .....	700.00
Treasurer's Clerical .....	375.00
Collector's Salary .....	2,415.00*
Collector's Expenses .....	1,000.00
Collector's Clerical .....	800.00
Assessor's Salaries .....	1,890.00
Assessor's Expenses .....	1,100.00
Assessor's Clerical .....	3,009.55
Town Counsel's Salary .....	1,312.50
Town Counsel's Expenses .....	450.00



Town Clerk's Salary .....	1,102.50*
Town Clerk's Expenses .....	500.00
Registrar's Salaries .....	347.29
Registrar's Expenses Special .....	800.00
Election and Registration Expenses .....	3,000.00
Planning Board Expenses .....	250.00
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	3,900.00
Municipal Building Maintenance .....	2,500.00

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Total ..... \$ 30,806.08

\* Fees to Town Treasury

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of ninety-seven thousand, three hundred and forty-two dollars and forty-six cents (\$97,342.46) be raised and appropriated for Protection of Persons and Property as follows:

Police Dept. Salaries .....	\$ 42,950.00
Police Dept. Maintenance .....	4,450.00*
Police Station Maintenance .....	1,913.75
Fire Dept. Salaries .....	22,708.46
Fire Dept. Callmen .....	3,590.50
O. O. Ordway Pension .....	1,300.00
Fire Dept. Maintenance .....	4,100.00*
Fire Stations Maintenance .....	2,155.00
Fire Alarm Maintenance .....	1,542.50
Fire Alarm Extension .....	500.00
Hydrant Rentals .....	500.00
Moth and tree Depts. ....	9,634.00
Inspector of Buildings Salary .....	551.25
Inspector of Wires Salary .....	210.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures Salary .....	551.25
Sealer of Weights and Measures Expenses .....	250.00
Game Warden Salary .....	105.00
Dog Officer Salary .....	330.75

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\$ 97,342.46

\*Includes travel outside of state.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of ten thousand and six dollars (\$10,006.00) be raised and appropriated for Health and Sanitation as follows:

Board of Health Salaries .....	\$ 315.00
Board of Health Expenses .....	275.00
Inspector of Plumbing Salaries .....	525.00
Inspector of Animals Salary .....	220.50
Inspector of Milk and Food Salary .....	220.50
Care of Contagious Diseases .....	5,000.00

Garbage Collection .....	2,800.00
Dental Clinic .....	650.00
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	\$ 10,006.00

Article 4. On motion of Joseph D. Knight it was voted that the sum of one hundred thousand two hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for Charities and Aid as follows:

General Aid Administrative

Four thousand nine hundred dollars .....	\$ 4,900.00
General Aid	
Twenty thousand dollars .....	20,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children Administrative	
One thousand one hundred dollars .....	1,100.00
Aid to Dependent Children	
Thirteen thousand seven hundred dollars .....	13,700.00
Old Age Assistance Administrative	
Four thousand eight hundred dollars .....	4,800.00
Old Age Assistance	
Seventy-two thousand seven hundred dollars .....	72,700.00
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	\$117,200.00

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) be raised and appropriated for Veteran's Benefits.

Article 5. On motion of Irving C. Austin it was voted that the sum of \$301,017.00 be raised and appropriated for the School Department as follows:

General Salaries .....	\$243,226.00
General Maintenance including travel outside of state .....	35,091.00
Transportation .....	6,200.00
Industrial Tuition .....	1,500.00
School Lunches .....	15,000.00
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	\$301,017.00

Article 4. On motion of A. Imrie Dixon it was voted that the sum of \$9,646.20 be raised and appropriated for the Public Library, to be divided as follows:

Salaries .....	\$ 6,346.20
Maintenance .....	3,300.00
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Total .....	\$ 9,646.20

Article 4. On motion of James W. Fairchild it was voted that the sum of ten thousand one hundred dollars (\$10,100.00) be raised and appropriated for Cemeteries to be expended for maintenance, care and de-

velopment of Laurel Hill Cemetery and Forest Glen Cemetery, including travel outside of the state.

Article 4. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of one hundred forty-one thousand two hundred forty-five (\$141,245.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the Board of Public Works as follows:

Administrative, Salaries, and Office Expenses .....	\$ 6,260.00
Repairs, Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Setting Curbs, Purchase or otherwise acquiring Land, for Sand and Gravel Purposes, Purchase of Materials, Tools and Equipment and any other incidental expenses pertaining thereto .....	42,000.00
Removal of Snow and Ice .....	9,000.00
Sidewalk Maintenance and Construction .....	4,250.00
Maintenance of Storm Drains .....	4,185.00
Construction of Storm Drains .....	5,000.00
Park Dept. and Common Maintenance and Supervised Play	4,500.00
Care of Dumps .....	1,650.00
Drinking Fountains .....	100.00
Connecting Estates with the Common Sewer .....	1,500.00
Maintenance, Operation and Construction of Water Works, Payment of Water Bonds and Interest, including travel outside the state .....	50,000.00
Maintenance, Operation and Extension of the Sewer System, Payment of interest on Sewer Bonds .....	12,800.00
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	\$141,245.00

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) be raised and appropriated for Memorial Day Observance, to be expended under the direction of Post No. 62, American Legion.

Article 4. Henry R. Johnson moved that there be included in the tax levy, for electricity used for street lights, the sum of fourteen thousand (\$14,000) dollars and that said sum and the income from sales of electricity to private consumers, and for electricity supplied to municipal buildings and for municipal power, and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year be appropriated for the Municipal Lighting Plant, and that the sum of twelve thousand (\$12,000) dollars be appropriated from the said receipts of the department for the sale, installation and servicing of merchandise, equipment, utensils, and chattels, as provided in Section 34 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, said appropriation to be expended by the Manager of the Municipal Lighting, under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board for the expense of the plant, including the sale, installation and servicing of merchandise, equipment, utensils and chattels, as defined in Chapter 164

of the General Laws, or any amendments thereof or additions thereto, and that if said sum of \$14,000.00 and said income shall exceed said expense for said fiscal year, such excess up to the sum of thirty-five thousand (\$35,000) dollars shall be paid into the Town Treasury, and the balance, if any, shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

Article 4. On motion of Gardner G. Long it was voted to amend this motion by substituting the sum of fifty-one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$51,800.00) for thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) stated in the motion. The original motion as amended was voted by the Town.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.) be raised and appropriated for interest, not including, Water, Light and Sewer.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$38,000.00) be raised and appropriated for Maturing Debt, not including Water and Light.

Article 4, On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the sum of eighteen thousand seven hundred and sixty,three dollars be raised and appropriated for the Contributory Retirement System to be divided as follows:

Pension Accumulation Fund .....	\$ 18,063.00
Expense Fund .....	700.00
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	\$ 18,763.00

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to lay Article 4 on the table.

Article 5. On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945, and to issue note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of foreclosing in the Land Court pursuant to provisions of Section 65 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws, the right of redemption of any and all real estate taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes.

Article 7. On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) be raised and appropriated for the Reserve Fund, as provided by Section 6, Chapter 40, General Laws.

Article 8. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of six hundred (\$600.00) be raised and appropriated for the care of

graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States, in time of war, or insurrection and who have been honorably discharged from such service, as provided by Section 22, Chapter 115, General Laws.

Article 9. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of five thousand five hundred and fifty-six dollars, and sixty-four cents (\$5,556.64) be raised and appropriated for the Town's share of the maintenance, care and repair and other lawful expenses incurred in 1943 for the Middlesex County Sanatorium.

Article 10. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) be raised and appropriated for the preparation and printing of the Street Lists for the year 1944, such sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 11. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted that the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) be raised and appropriated for the preservation of health and protection of persons and property during the National Emergency, such sum to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for all purposes set forth in Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1941, and any and all amendments thereto.

Article 12. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of twenty-five hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the alteration and improvement of the Central Fire Station.

Article 13. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted the Board of Selectmen be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to sell or exchange upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, the police ambulance, and that the sum of forty-five hundred (\$4500) dollars, together with the proceeds from such sale or exchange, be raised and appropriated, for the purchase of a new ambulance for the Police Department.

Article 14. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the first paragraph of Section 1 of Article VI of the By-Laws of the Town be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto the words: "but nothing herein shall prohibit a member of such committee from holding office as a Town Meeting Member under any form of Representative Town Meeting Government," so as to read as follows:

Section 1. There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of fifteen voters of the Town, no one of whom shall be a Town Officer or a member of a department receiving a salary, but nothing herein shall prohibit a member of such committee from holding office as a Town Meeting Member under any form of Representative Town Meeting Government.

Article 15. On motion of Irving C. Austin it was voted that the sum of thirteen thousand (\$13,000.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the installation of new heating systems in the Highland and Lowell



Street Schools, including the engineering service, plans and specifications therefor, such sum to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

Article 16. On motion of Irving C. Austin it was voted that the sum of seven hundred sixty (\$760.00) dollars be raised and appropriated under authority of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943, such sum to be paid into the teacher's retirement system for the benefit of teachers on military leave of absence during the years 1942 and 1943.

Article 17. Irving C. Austin moved that the sum of four thousand (\$4,000.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the preparation of plans, surveys and specifications, and for such architectural and engineering advice and services which may be deemed necessary for the design of a new Senior High School, such sum to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

On motion of Roy C. Burpee it was voted to lay Article 17 on the table. 69 voted yes; 62 voted no.

On motion of Louis C. Lyons it was voted to take Article 17 from the table.

The original motion of Irving C. Austin was then voted.

Article 18. On motion of Irving C. Austin it was voted that the sum of thirty and 80/100 (\$30.80) dollars be raised and appropriated under authority of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1941 for the payment of unpaid 1941 bill for Industrial Tuition due the City of Malden. This was voted unanimous vote.

Article 19. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred (\$13,500.00) dollars be appropriated from the unexpended balance in the Road Machinery Account and transferred to the Road Machinery Fund for the maintenance, repair, purchase and operation of road machinery and equipment for the use of and under the direction of the Board of Public Works and that the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 20. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of one thousand eight hundred (\$1,800.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of resurfacing the Mineral Street Bridge.

Article 21. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of one thousand and fifteen (\$1,015.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of ploughing, harrowing and furnishing, aid in the cultivation of private land as authorized under the provisions of Chapter 75 of the Acts of 1943.

Article 22. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of seven hundred and thirty-five (\$735.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the collection of such scrap materials as may be salvaged for use in the production of materials necessary to the prosecu-



tion of the war, said appropriation to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Public Works.

Article 23. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that Article 111 of the By-Laws of the Town be and the same hereby is amended by adding after Section 2 the following new section:

Section 3. The Board of Public Works is hereby authorized and empowered to aid any neighboring City or Town in repairing and maintaining the physical properties of its water supply system under authority of Chapter 125 of the Acts of 1943, and may extend such aid subject to such terms and conditions as said Board may impose.

Article 24. On motion of James W. Fairchild it was voted that the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars be appropriated from the Cemetery Reserve Fund receipts from the sale of lots and graves in Laurel Hill Cemetery, and Forest Glen Cemetery, for the maintenance, care, improvement and embellishment of said cemeteries, under the provisions of Section 15 of Chapter 114 of the General Laws.

Article 25. On motion of Henry R. Johnson it was voted that the subject matter of Article 17 be referred to the Municipal Light Board, and that said Board be, and it hereby is, authorized to install such additional street lights as in its judgment are required, and to make such changes in the size, type and location of existing street lights as it may deem advisable, the expense of same to be paid from the income of the plant.

Article 26. Wendell P. Davis moved that the sum of forty-five hundred (\$4,500.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of conducting, and promoting recreation, play, sport, physical education and other social, educational, and recreational activities upon such land and buildings as defined in Section 14 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws, including the purchase of the necessary equipment and the employment of teachers, supervisors and other officers, and employees, and the fixing of their compensation.

Mr. Bent moved to spend the money under the direction of the Recreation Committee.

The article was voted as amended by Mr. Bent.

Article 27. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars be raised and the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars be transferred from the Water Department available surplus and said sums aggregating three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars be appropriated for the cost of the preliminary engineering and architectural advice and service, plans, surveys and specifications and otherwise in cooperation with the Post War Planning Program, for Re-grading Ditches, Granolithic Sidewalks, Parks and Playgrounds, including the Junior High School Field, Extension of Water System by Additional Wells, Sewer Extensions, Storage Sheds near Municipal Garage,

Extension Municipal Garage for Water Department Equipment, Storm Drains, and Index of Public Works Records, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum of \$1,000.00 to carry out the purpose of this vote, and such sum so transferred shall be restricted to the extension of the Water System by Additional Wells and the Extension of the Municipal Garage for Water Department Equipment, and shall not be used for any other purpose.

Article 28. On motion of George B. Pease it was voted that five hundred (\$500.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for Post War Planning, to be expended under the directions of the Post War Planning Committee.

Article 29. On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the sum of one thousand and nineteen dollars and sixty-nine cents (\$1,019.69) be raised and appropriated to pay into the Contributory Retirement System for Municipal Employees, excluding school teachers, for the benefit of municipal employees on military leave of absence during the years 1942 and 1943, as provided for and under the authority of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943.

On motion of James W. Fairchild it was voted to take Article 2 from the table.

Article 2. Report of the Special Committee chosen to study the merits of a capital expenditures budgeting program as applied to Reading, Massachusetts.

The committee established by vote of the Special Town Meeting on December 13, 1943, to study the merits of a Capital Expenditures Budgeting Program, as applied to Reading, Massachusetts, presents the following report:

The Town of Reading is about to enter a period when it will be called upon to finance a number of public improvements. Some of these are pressing upon us today, and are known to most citizens; others will take shape and develop in the post war period.

It is certain that the rather rapid growth in population, which this Town has been experiencing for several decades, and which has been temporarily retarded by the war, will be resumed after hostilities cease. From what may be gleaned of post war activity by reading the current press, it is apparent that much emphasis will be laid on better homes and better living. Since Reading is primarily a residential community we should expect to be influenced by this emphasis. On the last Federal census in 1940, there were 10,866 people living in Reading—more than twice as many as lived here in 1900. With a continuation of this growth, we may easily have a population of 13,000 in 1950, and 16,000 in 1960.

Now these increases in population, while desirable, do force any community which is growing rapidly, to spend considerable money on new construction. Reading is faced with a back log of urgent municipal capital expenditures which will be forced upon us soon after the

war. The most apparent of these is a new high school. This one item, together with others which are urgent, may cost upwards of one and one half million dollars. If we are to finance these expenditures and remain solvent, some careful programming is obviously necessary. We shall have to study each item to see that (1) we meet our most pressing needs first, (2) that we get the most value possible out of each dollar expended and (3) that we accomplish this within the ability of the Town to pay. All of this points to the need for a long range financial program for the Town, which will show the citizens what they can have for the money available to spend. Such a program is generally referred to as a Capital Expenditures Budgeting Program.

Your committee has studied the Capital Expenditure Programs of several towns similar to Reading and find they have many desirable features. The group usually responsible for such a program is called "A Capital Expenditures Planning Committee." Its personnel generally consists of one or more representatives of the Finance Committee, Planning Board and from the Town at large. In this way the financial, planning and policy groups of the Town are represented. The program which is prepared by such a committee will cover a period of six years. In order to start the program some preliminary research work is necessary to build up the data used in preparing the estimates. This done, the committee received from all departments their programs of capital expenditures for the ensuing six years, and in order in which they are needed. It will then be the job of the Capital Expenditures Planning Committee to fit these programs together, so spreading the financial load that no undue burden is placed on any particular year, and at the same time giving due recognition to the requirements of each department. Such programming should have a tendency to stabilize the tax rate, should assure the citizens of a sound long range financial program for the Town, and should work toward that day when the Town may adopt a pay-as-you-go policy, a plan which has already been achieved by several towns in the Commonwealth. It should also assure each Board that its requirements are known and are receiving consideration even though some of its needs cannot be met in the current year.

In preparing this six year program, the Capital Expenditures Planning Committee must work very closely with each of the boards in Town and with the Finance Committee in particular. Since the program is to cover a six year period, it is concerned as much with future requirements as with the year at hand, and the Finance Committee should find such a program of considerable use in determining the financial policy of the current year. Finally, as each year is passed the actual results are added to the historical data used in making the estimates, and the program is again reviewed and extended another year.

The Capital Expenditures Planning Committee would have no authority but to recommend. The voters of the Town would have final

say as to the soundness of its policies. It would not be in competition with any town board, nor would it wish to usurp the power of any board. Its function would be purely cooperative, in order to prepare the best long range financial program for the Town.

We believe that such a program, as herein described will be of inestimable value to the Town, in the troublesome days which are ahead. At the present time, the Town is living on pretty much of a hand-to-mouth basis. True, each board has some ideas and plans for its future capital expenditures, but these are known only to a limited few. Nowhere in the management of the Town is there any report which assembles all of the financial data of the Town, and projects that data ahead over a number of years so that the voters can see the overall financial position of the Town. We believe such a program is necessary if we are to vote intelligently on financial issues. Accordingly, this committee is recommending for your favorable consideration an article in the warrant of this Town Meeting, establishing a Capital Expenditures Planning Committee.

Signed:

WALTER D. BERRY, Chairman  
WILLIAM J. TONKS, Secretary  
BERNARD L. MAXWELL  
JAMES W. FAIRCHILD  
H. RAYMOND JOHNSON  
CHARLES E. WILKINSON  
MILES HIGGINS  
LEON G. BENT  
LOUIS ELLENWOOD  
JOHN L. DEVANEY  
PRESTON F. NICHOLS  
EDWARD M. HALLIGAN, M.D.  
SAMUEL H. DAVIS  
HAROLD B. CURRELL  
WENDELL P. DAVIS

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to lay Article 2 on the table,

Article 30. On motion of James W. Fairchild it was voted that a permanent committee of seven members to be known as "Capital Expenditures Planning Committee" be and hereby is created for the purpose of establishing, promoting and developing in the Town a long range plan of capital expenditures of the various Boards and Committees of the Town, such committee to consist of two members of the Finance Committee, two members of the Planning Board, such members to be designated and appointed by their respective committee and board, and three members at large to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, all such appointments to be made within thirty days after the final ad-

jourment of this meeting, and that the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the use of such committee.

Article 31. On motion of Victor C. Pitkin it was voted that the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the observance of the Tercentenary of this Town to be expended under the direction of the Tercentenary Committee.

Article 32. On motion of Henry Wilson Powers it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized to secure as suitable headquarters for Reading Post No. 62 of the American Legion, the premises situated on the westerly side of Ash Street, known as the Victory House, and that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) be raised and appropriated as rent for such premises for the year 1944.

Article 2. Henry Wilson Powers moved to take Article 2 from the table. The motion did not prevail.

Article 33. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of one thousand seven hundred dollars (\$1,700.00) be raised and appropriated for the further development of the Town Forest.

Article 34. On motion of Leon C. Bent it was voted that the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) be raised and appropriated for Child Welfare Work, to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association and the Board of Health.

Article 2. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Art. 2 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Art. 2 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Art. 4 from the table. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Art. 4 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to adjourn, Sine Die.

Attest:

NORMAN P. CHARLES,  
Town Clerk

March 31, 1944

A meeting was called of Precinct 3 members and John L. Devaney and Grace C. Curtis were elected chairman and clerk respectively.

NORMAN P. CHARLES, Clerk

April 21, 1944

A meeting was called by the Town Clerk of Precinct 2 members, as per petition filed in his office for the purpose of electing a chairman and clerk.

A. Perry Glover, 178 Prescott St., was elected chairman, and James R. Mercer, Jr., was elected clerk.

NORMAN P. CHARLES, Clerk



**WARRANT**  
**For Presidential Primary**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
(Seal)

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in primaries, to meet in the Odd Fellows Building, Woburn St., in said Reading, as the polling place designated for the four precincts in said town, on,

Tuesday, the Twenty-fifth Day of April, 1944, at twelve o'clock noon, for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the Election of Candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

7 Delegates at Large to the National Convention of the Republican Party.

7 Alternate Delegates at Large to the National Convention of the Republican Party.

12 Delegates at Large to the National Convention of the Democratic Party.

12 Alternate Delegates at Large to the National Convention of the Democratic Party.

2 District Delegates to the National Convention of the Republican Party, Eighth Congressional District.

2 Alternate District Delegates to the National Convention of the Republican Party, Eighth Congressional District.

4 District Delegates to the National Convention of the Democratic Party, Eighth Congressional District.

4 Alternate District Delegates to the National Convention of the Democratic Party, Eighth Congressional District.

District members of State Committee (one man and one woman) for each political party for the Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District.

25 Members at Large of the Republican Town Committee.

10 Members of the Democratic Town Committee.

The Polls will be open from 12 o'clock noon to 8 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least three public places in each of the four precincts of the Town not less than seven days prior to April 25, 1944, the date set for the meeting in said warrant, and to cause this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle one day at least prior to said date.



Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this 10th day of April, A.D., 1944.

KENNETH C. LATHAM  
CHARLES E. WILKINSON  
HERBERT K. MILLER

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### Officer's Return

Middlesex, ss.

Reading, Mass.

April 17, 1944

By virtue of this warrant I this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, Mass., qualified to vote in State Primaries to meet at the place designated for the four precincts of the Town by posting attested copies in the following public places within the Town of Reading:

Precinct 1	Precinct 2
Holder's Store, Salem St.	M. F. Charles' Store
Reading Fire Station No. 1	Masonic Building
Austin's Lunch	Lyceum Hall
Precinct 3	Precinct 4
Waterhouse Store, Mineral St.	McLaughlin's Store, Main St.
F. I. White, Organ Pipe Co., Lowell St.	Naborhood Store, Lowell St.
Reading Fire Station No. 2	Municipal Bldg., Lowell St.

The same being not less than seven days prior to date of said meeting, I also caused a copy to be published in the Reading Chronicle date of April 21, 1944. The same being at least one day prior to said date.

Signed,

J. W. SIAS,  
Constable of Reading

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### PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

Security Hall

April 25, 1944

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and the Constable's return thereon, a Presidential Primary was held at the time and place specified in the warrant, and was called to order by Selectman Charles E. Wilkinson.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, when on motion of James W. Sias, it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the warrant except the Constable's return, which was then read by the Clerk.

The ballot boxes were examined by the Constable and found empty and registered 0000.

The polls were declared open at 12.00 noon.

The polls were duly closed at 8.00 p. m., with the following results:

# REPUBLICAN

Whole number of votes cast 350.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	To- tals
Leverett Saltonstall, 240 Chestnut Hill Rd., Newton	60	80	93	104	337
Joseph W. Martin, Jr., 54 Grove St., No. Attleboro	57	76	91	97	321
Sinclair Weeks, 97 Valentine St., Newton.....	56	76	92	92	316
Louise M. Williams, 3 Dean St., Taunton .....	51	75	91	92	309
George B. Rowell, 25 Fresh Pond Lane, Cambridge	51	72	91	92	306
Margaret A. Green, 84 Park Slope, Holyoke .....	50	74	91	91	306
George F. Booth, 64 Beechmont St., Worcester...	53	74	91	90	308
Blanks .....	70	40	136	98	247
	448	567	679	756	2450

## Group Alternate Delegates

Katherine G. Howard, 186 Summer Ave., Reading	56	70	80	95	301
Lawrence Curtis, 15 River St., Boston .....	50	67	78	86	281
Doris M. A. Kundig, 46A Elm St., Worcester .....	46	61	77	82	266
Rosa M. Levis, 30 Bellevue St., Boston .....	46	60	77	80	263
Horace E. Handford, 26 Rotch St., New Bedford..	47	63	77	81	268
Carolyn L. Purcell, 423 Middle St., Fall River ....	46	61	77	82	266
L. Edward Lajoie, 423 Middle St., Fall River .....	48	62	77	81	268
Blanks .....	109	123	136	169	537
	448	567	679	756	2450

## Group 1 Delegates 8th District

John W. Justice, 50 Winchester St., Medford ....	14	28	15	35	92
Lester W. Bowen, 16 Foskett St., Somerville.....	13	23	16	28	80
	27	51	31	63	172

## Group 1 Alternate Delegates

Conrad G. Keniston, 83 Damon Ave., Melrose.....	12	30	13	30	85
William A. Hastings, 11 Upham Terrace, Malden	13	29	16	30	88
	25	59	29	60	173

## Group 2 Delegates

Benjamin F. Felt, 37 Elm St., Melrose.....	11	37	39	40	127
William S. Howe, 33 Chester St., Somerville.....	14	34	38	40	126
	25	71	77	80	253

## Group 2 Alternate Delegates

Cyrus F. Springall, 18 Spring St., Malden.....	13	32	35	36	116
Carolyn A. Weeks, 10 Wheelwright Rd., Medford	15	31	34	38	118
	28	63	69	74	234

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### Not Grouped Delegates

Kenneth Hutchins, 205 Woburn St., Medford.....	9	10	23	14	56
Blanks .....	142	70	159	141	512
	151	80	182	155	568

### State Committee 7th Middlesex District

George E. MacNeil, Jr., 23 Middlesex Rd., Stoneham .....	40	60	63	75	238
Marion R. Symonds, 170 Bancroft Ave., Reading	43	63	70	80	256
Blanks .....	45	39	61	61	206
	138	162	194	216	700

### Republican Town Committee, Reading 25

Loring F. Wilcox, 67 Hillcrest Road.....	53	73	90	96	312
Marion R. Symonds, 170 Bancroft Ave.....	51	71	89	98	309
Arthur S. Cook, 21 Sanborn St.....	55	68	88	98	309
Dorothy A. Allard, 8 Wells Rd.....	55	70	89	98	312
Eleanor C. Bishop, 60 Hillcrest Rd.....	55	69	87	95	306
C. Nelson Bishop, 60 Hillcrest Rd.....	55	70	86	95	306
Arthur W. Coolidge, 210 Summer Ave.....	58	74	94	103	329
Louis Ellenwood, 326 Haven St.....	54	70	87	94	305
Catherine C. Gordon, 249 Haven St.....	56	71	89	98	314
Sara G. Harnden, 311 Summer Ave.....	51	69	89	97	306
Harriette P. Leuchtman, 18 Belmont St.....	56	68	85	96	305
Henry A. Murphy, Jr., 17 Dudley St.....	52	67	86	93	298
Jacob C. Nielsen, 141 Woburn St.....	51	66	88	93	298
Robert S. Ralston, 9 Dudley St.....	56	69	89	97	311
Mollie A. Sweetser, 192 Woburn St.....	58	69	90	96	313
Alfred J. Thieme, 5 Village St.....	52	69	87	91	299
George W. Cochrane, Jr., 26 County Rd.....	49	71	87	89	296
Charles S. Hasty, 46 Temple St.....	54	70	90	97	311
Madeleine Reed, 288 Grove St.....	52	67	84	92	295
Alfred H. Dolben, 17 Bond St.....	53	67	88	90	298
George E. Durgin, 562 Pearl St.....	52	63	86	90	291
Oliver H. Currier, 31 Cottage Park.....	50	63	86	89	288
Marjorie L. Schoppely, 100 Prescott St.....	54	71	87	93	305
Marcia C. Foxcroft, 100 Prescott St.....	52	70	91	91	304
Jemima L. Wellman, 28 Fairview Ave.....	53	67	87	90	297
Blanks .....	263	303	226	341	1133

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# DEMOCRATIC

Total Vote Cast 24

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	To- tals
<b>Delegates</b>					
David I. Walsh, 37 Day St., Fitchburg.....	8	6	2	3	19
William J. Foley, 288 W. Fourth St., Boston.....	6	5	1	3	15
Joseph E. Casey, 295 Church St., Clinton.....	6	3	0	2	11
James M. Curley, 350 Jamaicaaway, Boston.....	8	4	1	3	16
William H. Burke, Jr., 211 State St., Northampton	7	1	0	2	10
Frank W. Thomasello, 34 Altersko Ave., Boston..	6	1	1	2	10
John W. McCormack, 726 Columbia Rd., Boston..	6	2	2	3	13
Maurice J. Tobin, 30 Hopkins Rd., Boston.....	7	5	3	3	18
Joseph B. Ely, 66 Broad St., Westfield.....	7	3	2	2	14
Margaret M. O'Riordan, 4 Arborway, Boston....	5	2	0	2	9
Charles F. Hurley, 57 Fresh Pond Lane, Cambridge	4	2	2	3	11
Mathias LaPierre, 217 Seventh St., Leominster...	4	1	0	2	7
Blanks .....	46	49	34	6	135

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## Alternate Delegates

Elizabeth L. McNamara, 239 Upland Rd., Cambridge .....	8	2	1	3	14
John Zielinski, 473 Hillside Ave., Holyoke.....	6	1	1	2	10
Joseph K. Zemaitis, 42 Providence St., Worcester	6	1	1	2	10
Joseph M. McDonough, 106 Melville Ave., Boston	7	3	2	2	14
Samuel Michelman, 36 Butler Place, Northampton	5	1	1	2	9
Charles Kaplan, 102 Columbia Rd., Boston.....	6	1	1	2	10
Mary Maliotis, 272 Foster St., Boston.....	5	1	1	2	9
Paul V. McDonough, 254 French St., Fall River..	7	3	2	2	14
Clementine Langone, 190 North St., Boston.....	5	2	1	3	11
Silas F. Taylor, 28 Warwick St., Boston.....	5	1	2	2	10
Bernard J. Killion, 62 Boylston St., Boston.....	5	1	2	2	10
Catherine E. Hanifin, So. Main St., Belchertown.	5	1	1	2	9
Blanks .....	50	66	32	10	158

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## District Delegates, 8th District

John F. Cahill, 38 Courtland St., Everett.....	9	4	2	3	18
Michael F. Skerry, 21 Burnside St., Medford.....	6	3	1	2	12
Robert F. Murphy, 170 Maple St., Malden.....	7	4	2	3	16
Edward F. Moynihan, 905 Broadway, Somerville.	8	2	2	2	14
Blanks .....	10	15	9	2	36

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	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	To- tals
<b>Alternate Delegates, 8th District</b>					
James D. McNamara, 50 Grove St., Lynnfield....	8	2	1	2	13
Fred C. Harrington, 85 Pearl St., Everett.....	8	2	2	3	15
Marion P. Nash, 15 Wagner Rd., Medford.....	6	2	0	2	10
Estelle Filadoro, 87 Bartlett St., Somerville.....	6	2	0	2	10
Blanks .....	12	20	13	3	48
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<b>Seventh Middlesex District</b>					
State Committee Man					
Frank A. Cassidy, 12 Oak St., Lowell.....	7	3	1	3	14
Blanks .....	3	4	3	0	10
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<b>Seventh Middlesex District</b>					
State Committee Woman					
Blanks .....					24
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<b>Town Committee</b>					
Blanks .....					240

Voted to adjourn at 2:30 A. M.

## WARRANT for STATE PRIMARY

(Seal)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in Odd Fellows Building, Woburn Street, in said Reading, as the polling place designated for the four precincts in said town on Tuesday, the Eleventh day of July, 1944 at seven o'clock A. M. for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the Nomination of Candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

Governor for this Commonwealth

Lieutenant Governor for this Commonwealth

Secretary of the Commonwealth for this Commonwealth

Treasurer and Receiver General for this Commonwealth

Auditor of the Commonwealth for this Commonwealth

Attorney General for this Commonwealth  
Senator in Congress (to fill vacancy) for this Commonwealth  
Representative in Congress for Eighth Congressional District  
Councillor for Sixth Councillor District  
Senator for Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District  
Two Representatives in General Court for Eighteenth Representative District  
County Commissioners (2) for Middlesex County  
County Commissioner for Middlesex County (to fill vacancy)  
Sheriff for Middlesex County

The polls will be open from 7 A. M. to 8 P. M. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least three public places in each of the four precincts of the Town not less than seven days prior to July 11, 1944, the date set for the meeting in said warrant and to cause this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this 26th day of June, A.D., 1944.

KENNETH C. LATHAM  
CHARLES E. WILKINSON  
HERBERT K. MILLER  
Selectmen of Reading

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#### Officer's Return

Middlesex, ss.

Reading, Mass., July 3, 1944

By virtue of this Warrant, I this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in Primaries, to meet in Odd Fellows Building, Woburn St., in Reading as the polling place designated for the four precincts of said Town on Tuesday, July 11, 1944 by posting attested copies in the following public places within the Town of Reading.

Precinct 1  
Austin's Lunch  
Danforth's Drug Store  
Fire Station No. 1

Precinct 3  
Waterhouse Store  
Bennie's Store  
Fire Station No. 2

Precinct 2  
Masonic Building  
Lyceum Hall Building  
M. F. Charles' Store  
Precinct 4  
Municipal Building  
Naborhood Store  
McLaughlin's Store



The same being not less than seven days prior to July 11, 1944 the date set for the meeting in said warrant, I also caused a copy to be printed in the Reading Chronicle date of July 7, 1944, the same being at least one day prior to said date.

Signed,

J. W. SIAS,  
Constable of Reading

## BALLOT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	To- tals
<b>Governor</b>					
Horace T. Cahill, 60 Arborway Drive, Braintree...	195	312	318	276	1101
Blanks .....	20	26	22	18	86
					1187
<b>Lieutenant Governor</b>					
Robert F. Bradford, 106 Coolidge Hill, Cambridge	150	196	205	150	701
Jarvis Hunt, 51 High St., No. Attleboro.....	38	66	75	77	256
Rudolph F. King, 163 Exchange St., Millis.....	12	65	46	47	170
Daniel E. McLean, 10 Congress St., Beverly.....	2	3	5	13	23
William H. McMasters, 4 Harvard Rd., Belmont..	6	2	5	3	16
Blanks .....	7	6	4	4	21
					1187
<b>Secretary</b>					
Frederic W. Cook, 75 Benton Rd., Somerville.....	191	316	324	285	1116
Blanks .....	24	22	16	9	71
					1187
<b>Treasurer</b>					
Fred J. Burrell, 41 Washington St., Medford.....	120	149	155	159	583
Laurence Curtis, 15 River St., Boston.....	77	165	160	117	519
Blanks .....	18	24	25	18	85
					1187
<b>Auditor</b>					
Frank A. Goodwin, Nelson Ave., Fairhaven.....	114	169	170	148	601
Wallace E. Stearns, 110 Gainsborough St., Boston	8	26	27	15	76
Russell A. Wood, 11 Whittier St., Cambridge.....	82	131	126	117	456
Blanks .....	11	12	17	14	54
					1187

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	To- tals
<b>Attorney General</b>					
Clarence A. Barnes, 79 Rumford Ave., Mansfield	114	226	240	216	826
Charles Fairhurst, 572 Bernardston Rd., Greenfield	26	38	19	29	112
James E. Farley, 43 Gardner St., Peabody.....	29	57	66	38	190
Blanks .....	16	17	15	11	59
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<b>Senator in Congress</b>					
Leverett Saltonstall, 240 Chestnut Hill Rd., Newton	206	328	332	288	1154
Blanks .....	9	10	8	6	33
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<b>Congressman for Eighth District</b>					
Angier L. Goodwin, 52 Sheffield Rd., Melrose.....	204	322	328	275	1129
Blanks .....	11	16	12	19	58
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<b>Councillor, Sixth District</b>					
Anthony H. Elwell, 22 Wright Ave., Medford.....	19	29	19	16	83
Victor A. Friend, 32 E. Wyoming Ave., Melrose..	72	110	122	98	402
William S. Howe, 33 Chester St., Somerville.....	81	133	122	115	451
Arthur J. Mansfield, 3 Valley Rd., Arlington.....	23	32	35	30	120
David Y. Ross, 86 Powder House Blvd., Somerville	1	7	18	10	36
Blanks .....	19	27	24	25	95
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<b>Senator, Seventh Middlesex District</b>					
Arthur W. Coolidge, 210 Summer Ave., Reading..	208	330	330	287	1155
Blanks .....	7	8	10	9	32
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<b>Representative in General Court</b>					
Logan R. Dickie, 86 Walnut St., Reading.....	169	298	298	236	1001
Herman P. Peterson, 133 Montvale Ave., Woburn	107	217	211	165	700
Louis Ellenwood, 326 Haven St., Reading.....	110	118	124	128	480
Blanks .....	44	43	47	59	193
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<b>County Commissioner</b>					
Nathaniel I. Bowditch, Edmands Rd., Framingham	135	242	225	199	801
William G. Andrew, 472 Cambridge St., Cambridge	69	111	87	86	353
John Frederick Cahill, 24 Little Pond Rd., Belmont	49	59	81	56	245
Robert D. Donaldson, Old Lexington Rd., Lincoln	52	107	102	97	358
Ralph L. Garrett, 1088 Broadway, Somerville.....	17	15	24	13	69

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	To- tals
J. Walton Tuttle, 40 Prindiville Ave., Framingham	45	52	56	57	210
Blanks .....	63	90	105	80	338

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#### **Sheriff, Middlesex County**

Joseph M. McElroy, 50 Thorndike St., Cambridge	194	307	314	272	1087
Blanks .....	21	31	26	22	100

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#### **County Commissioner**

Robert H. Adams, 14 Strathmore Rd., Wakefield..	87	105	123	86	401
William B. Bailey, 224 School St., Somerville.....	16	12	15	16	58
Francis D. Collings, 23 Clarence St., Everett.....	5	3	11	15	34
Harold M. Estabrook, 10 Inverness Rd., Arlington	6	17	20	14	57
James G. Harris, 90 Wyman St., Medford.....	5	13	7	3	28
Samuel Ingram, 33 West Emerson St., Melrose..	17	30	32	34	113
William M. Robinson, 283 Upham St., Melrose...	18	25	17	19	79
Melvin G. Rogers, Whipple Rd., Tewksbury.....	46	95	81	83	305
Blanks .....	15	38	34	24	111

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### **BALLOT OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

#### **Governor**

Francis X. Hurley, 39 Pond St., Boston.....	7	10	8	5	30
Maurice J. Tobin, 30 Hopkins Rd., Boston.....	12	15	12	11	50
Blanks .....	1	0	0	1	2

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#### **Lieutenant Governor**

John B. Carr, 91 Prentiss St., Somerville.....	10	14	12	5	41
Alfred P. Farese, 42 Heath St., Everett.....	1	0	0	2	3
Alexander F. Sullivan, 92 Wordsworth St., Boston	3	5	2	5	15
John S. Sullivan, 62 June St., Worcester.....	4	3	5	3	15
Blanks .....	2	3	1	2	8

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#### **Secretary**

John M. Bresnahan, 185 North Common St., Lynn	11	14	7	9	41
Margaret M. O'Riordan, 4 Arborway, Boston....	6	5	9	7	27
Blanks .....	3	6	4	1	14

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	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	To- tals
<b>Treasurer</b>					
John E. Hurley, 40 Glenrose Rd., Boston.....	13	15	10	13	51
Francis C. McKenna, 453 Village St., Medway....	1	2	2	2	7
Michael A. O'Leary, 399 Broadway, Cambridge....	4	4	1	1	10
John F. Welch, 63 Homer St., Boston.....	0	1	2	0	3
Blanks .....	2	3	5	1	11
					82
<b>Auditor</b>					
Thomas J. Buckley, 15 Pinckney St., Boston.....	16	19	15	16	66
Blanks .....					16
					82
<b>Attorney General</b>					
John H. Backus, 71 Bonney St., New Bedford....	2	1	6	2	11
Francis D. Harrigan, 300 Bowdoin St., Boston....	4	6	3	2	15
Francis E. Kelly, 1184 Morton St., Boston.....	7	8	7	8	30
Joseph M. McDonough, 106 Melville Ave., Boston	7	7	1	4	19
Blanks .....	0	3	3	1	7
					82
<b>Senator, Congress</b>					
John H. Corcoran, 25 Garden St., Cambridge.....	8	8	3	7	26
Joseph A. Langone, Jr., 190 North St., Boston....	1	1	1	3	6
Joseph Lee, 43 South Russell St., Boston.....	3	6	4	3	16
Richard M. Russell, 10 Charles River Square, Boston .....	5	7	10	3	25
Blanks .....	3	3	2	1	9
					82
<b>Congressman for Eighth District</b>					
Frederick T. McDermott, 273 High St., Medford..	8	10	10	11	39
Raymond A. Willett, Jr., 6 Winter St., Stoneham.	7	7	5	5	24
Blanks .....	5	8	5	1	19
					82
<b>Councillor, Sixth District</b>					
Joseph M. Curley, 30 Jordan Ave., Wakefield.....	16	16	14	15	61
Blanks .....	4	9	6	2	21
					82
<b>Senator, Seventh Middlesex District</b>					
Blanks .....	20	25	20	17	82

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	To- tals
<b>Representative in General Court</b>					
Blanks .....	40	50	40	34	164
<b>County Commissioner</b>					
Thomas B. Brennan, 47 Madison St., Medford....	16	20	12	13	61
Augustine F. Watson, 36 Hampstead St., Lowell..	9	12	11	13	45
Blanks .....	15	18	17	8	58
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<b>Sheriff</b>					
Blanks .....	20	25	20	17	82
<b>County Commissioner</b>					
Blanks .....	20	25	20	17	82
Voted to adjourn Sine Die.					
True record attest.					

## WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION

(Seal)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in elections to meet in Odd Fellow's Building, Woburn Street, in said Reading, as the polling place designated for the four precincts in said Town on:

Tuesday, the Seventh day of November, 1944, at seven o'clock A.M., for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Election Officers for:

Electors of President and Vice President for this Commonwealth.

Governor for this Commonwealth.

Lieutenant Governor for this Commonwealth.

Secretary of the Commonwealth for this Commonwealth.

Treasurer for this Commonwealth.

Auditor of the Commonwealth for this Commonwealth.

Attorney General for this Commonwealth.

Senator in Congress for this Commonwealth (to fill vacancy).

Representative in Congress for the Eighth Congressional District.

Councillor for Sixth Councillor District.

Senator for Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District.

Two Representatives in General Court for Eighteenth Middlesex Representative District.

County Commissioners (2) for Middlesex County.

County Commissioner for Middlesex County (to fill vacancy).

Sheriff for Middlesex County.

Also to vote Yes or No in answer to the following questions :

**Question No. 1**

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution.

Shall an amendment to the Constitution to provide for a fair, concise summary, instead of a description of each proposed amendment to the Constitution and each law submitted to the people, under the initiative and the referendum, and certain changes relative to the filing of initiative petitions which is further described as follows :

This amendment amends Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution by striking out section three under the heading "The Initiative, 11. Initiative Petitions," inserting in place thereof a new section which provides,—

That an initiative petition for a constitutional amendment or a law shall be signed by ten qualified voters of the Commonwealth and shall be submitted to the Attorney General not later than the first Wednesday of the August before the assembling of the General Court into which it is to be introduced. It may be filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth if the Attorney General shall certify that the measure and its title are in proper form and that it is not affirmatively or negatively, substantially the same as any measure which has been qualified for submission or submitted to the people at either of the two preceding biennial state elections, and that it contains only subjects not excluded from the popular initiative and which are related or which are mutually dependent.

The secretary shall provide blanks for the use of subsequent signers. He shall print at the top of each blank a fair, concise summary of the proposed measure, as determined by the Attorney General as it will appear on the ballot, together with the names and residences of the first ten signers. All such petitions with the first ten signatures attached, shall be filed with the secretary not earlier than the first Wednesday of the September before the assembling of the Legislature into which they are to be introduced, and the remainder of the required signatures shall be filed not later than the first Wednesday of the following December.

Section 3 of that part of said Article XIXIII under the heading "The Referendum, III, Referendum Petitions" is also amended by striking out the second sentence of such section and inserting in place thereof provisions that the secretary shall provide blanks for the use of the signers of a referendum petition on a law requesting that the operation of such law be suspended subsequent to the first ten signers and shall print at the top of each blank a fair, concise summary of the law as determined by the Attorney General as it will appear upon the ballot, together with the names and residences of the first ten signers. Section 4 of that part of said Article XLVIII under the heading "The Referendum III. Referendum Petitions" is also amended by striking out the third sentence of such section and inserting in place thereof provisions that the



secretary shall provide blanks for the use of signers subsequent to the first ten signers of a referendum petition asking for the repeal of an emergency law or of a law which does not contain a request for suspension, and shall print at the top of each blank, a fair, concise summary of the proposed law as such summary will appear on the ballot together with the names and residences of the first ten signers.

Article XLVIII is further amended by striking out subheading "III, Form of Ballot", and subheading "IV, Information for Voters under the heading "General Provisions" and inserting in place thereof new subheadings III and IV, which provide respectively:

### III. Form of Ballot.

A fair, concise summary of each proposed amendment of the Constitution and each law submitted to the people, as determined by the Attorney General shall be printed on the ballot. The secretary shall give each question a number and cause such question except as otherwise authorized in said article of amendment, to be printed on the ballot in the following form:

In case of an amendment to the constitution: Do you approve the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below (here state in distinctive type, whether approved or disapproved by the general court, and by what vote thereon)?

YES	
NO	

(Set forth summary here)

In case of a law; Do you approve of a law summarized below, (here state, in distinctive type, whether approved or disapproved by the general court, and by what vote thereon)?

YES	
NO	

(Set forth summary here)

### IV. Information for Voters.

The secretary shall print and send to each registered voter the full text of every measure to be submitted to the people, together with a copy of the legislative committee's majority and minority members and a fair, concise summary of the measure as such summary will appear on the ballot, and in such manner as may be provided by law, other arguments for and against the measure,—

which proposed amendment was approved by the General Court and in joint session of the two branches held July 8, 1941, received 201 votes in the affirmative and 2 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held May 12, 1943, received 214 votes in the affirmative and 5 in the negative—be approved?

YES	
NO	

## Question No. 2

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution.

Shall an amendment to the Constitution to provide that the General Court may prescribe the terms and conditions under which pardons of offences, which are felonies may be granted which is further described as follows:

This article of amendment to the Constitution of Massachusetts annuls Article VIII of Section 1 of Chapter 11 of Part the Second of the Constitution, which vested the Governor, by and with the advice of the Council, with full and unrestricted power of pardoning offences of which a person is convicted, except such as persons may be convicted of before the Senate by an impeachment of the House and adopts a new article VIII in place thereof.

This new Article VIII vests the pardoning power in the Governor, by and with the advice of the Council, but provides further that if the offence to be pardoned is a felony, the Legislature shall have the power to prescribe the terms and conditions upon which such a pardon be granted.

The new Article VIII contains the same provision as the old with relation to the ineffectiveness of pardons granted before a conviction—

which proposed amendment was approved by the General Court and in joint session of the two branches held July 8, 1941, received 199 votes in the affirmative and 1 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held May 12, 1943, received 198 votes in the affirmative and 0 in the negative,

—be approved?

YES	
NO	

## Question No. 3

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution.

Shall an amendment to the Constitution restoring annual Sessions of the General Court and an Annual Budget which is further described as follows:

This amendment to the Constitution of Massachusetts annuls Article LXXII of the amendments which provide for biennial sessions of the Legislature and a biennial budget, and makes effective those earlier provisions of the Constitution, and its amendments which were annulled or affected by said Article LXXII.—which proposed amendment was approved by the General Court and in joint session of the two branches held July 8, 1941, received 172 votes in the affirmative and 38 in the negative, and in joint session of the two branches held May 12, 1943, received 188 votes in the affirmative and 52 in the negative,

—be approved?

YES	
NO	

#### Question No. 4

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution.

Shall an amendment to the Constitution providing absent voting by qualified voters who by reason of physical disability are unable to vote in person which is further described as follows:

This amendment to the Constitution of Massachusetts annuls Article XLV of the Amendments—to the Constitution which related to absentee voting and adopts in its place a new Article XLV which authorizes the Legislature to provide for voting, in the choice of any officer to be elected or upon any question submitted at an election, by qualified voters of the Commonwealth who at the time of such an election are absent from the city or town of which they are inhabitants or are unable by reason of physical disability to cast their votes in person,—

which proposed amendment was approved by the General Court and in joint session of the two branches held July 8, 1941, received 171 votes in the affirmative and 30 in the negative, and in joint session of the two branches held May 27, 1943, received 184 votes in the affirmative and 61 in the negative,

—be approved?

YES	
NO	

#### Question No. 5

Law submitted upon Referendum after Passage.

Shall a law described as follows: This law amends Chapter 271 of the General Laws by striking out Section 22A as previously amended, and inserting in place thereof a new section 22A which provides that conducting or promoting a game of whist or bridge in connection with which prizes are offered to be won by chance, or allowing such a game to be conducted or promoted, shall not authorize the prosecution, arrest or conviction of any person for such acts under Chapter 271 of the General Laws, which deals with crimes against public policy, if the entire proceeds of the charges for admission to such game are donated solely to charitable, civic, educational, fraternal or religious purposes.

This new section does not contain as did the section now stricken out, provisions authorizing the licensing and conducting of the game of beano,—

which section was approved by both branches of the General Court by vote not recorded,

—be approved?

YES	
NO	

To obtain a full expression of opinion voters should vote on all three of the following questions:

(a) If a person desires to permit the sale in this town of any and all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on and off the premises where sold he will vote "Yes" on all three questions.

(b) If he desires to permit the sale herein of wines and malt beverages only to be drunk on and off the premises where sold he will vote "No" on question 1, "Yes" on question 2, and "No" on question 3.

(c) If he desires to permit the sale herein of all alcoholic beverages but only in packages so called not to be drunk on the premises where sold, he will vote "No" on questions 1 and 2, and "Yes" on question 3.

(d) If he desires to permit the sale herein of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on and off the premises where sold and in addition other alcoholic beverages but only in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises where sold, he will vote "No" on question one and "Yes" on questions two and three.

(e) If he desires to prohibit the sale herein of any and all alcoholic beverages whether to be drunk on or off the premises where sold he will vote "No" on all three questions.

1. Shall licenses be granted in this Town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whiskey, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

YES	
NO	

2. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines, beer, ale and all other malt beverages)?

YES	
NO	

3. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises?

YES	
NO	

The polls will be open at 7 o'clock A. M. and will close at 8 o'clock, P. M. and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in at least three public places in each of the four precincts of the Town not less than seven days prior to November 7, 1944, the date set for the meeting in said warrant and to cause this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this 23rd day of October, A.D., 1944.

KENNETH C. LATHAM,  
CHARLES E. WILKINSON,  
HERBERT K. MILLER,  
Selectmen of Reading

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### Officer's Return

Middlesex, ss.

Reading, Mass., Oct. 28, 1944

By virtue of this warrant, I this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections to meet in Odd Fellows Building, Woburn St., Reading, as the polling place designated as the polling place for the four precincts in said Town by posting attested copies in the following public places in the Town of Reading.

Precinct 1

Austin's Lunch  
Danforth's Drug Store  
Fire Station No. 1

Precinct 3

Waterhouse Store, Mineral St.  
Bennie's Store  
Fire Station No. 2

Precinct 2

Masonic Building  
Lyceum Building  
M. F. Charles' Store  
Precinct 4

Municipal Building

Naborhood Store, Lowell St.  
McLaughlin's Store, Main St.

The same being not less than seven days prior to Nov. 7, 1944, the date set for said meeting, I also caused the same to be printed in the Reading Chronicle, date of November 3, 1944, the same being not less than one day prior to said date.

Signed,

J. W. SIAS,  
Constable of Reading

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### STATE ELECTION

Security Hall

November 7, 1944

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and the constable's return thereon a State Election was held at the time and place specified in the warrant.

The meeting was called to order by Selectman Charles E. Wilkinson.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, when on motion of J. Winthrop Sias it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the warrant except the constable's return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

The ballot boxes were examined by the constable in charge and each found to be empty, and all registered nothing.

The polls were then declared open by Selectman Charles E. Wilkinson.

The polls were opened at 7.00 A. M., and closed at 8.00 P. M. with the following result:

Whole number of votes cast 6197.

The ballot box on Precinct 1 jammed three or four times with the result that it recorded 6 more votes than were cast.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Totals
<b>Electors of President and Vice President</b>					
Dewey and Bricker, Rep. ....	933	1135	1196	1156	4420
Roosevelt & Truman, Dem. ....	510	429	335	391	1665
Teichert & Albaugh, Soc. Lab. Party ....	4	0	0	4	8
Watson & Johnson, Prohibition ....	4	0	5	1	10
Blanks .....	29	27	17	21	94
					<hr/> 6197
<b>Governor</b>					
Horace T. Cahill of Braintree .....	882	1102	1162	1158	4304
Maurice J. Tobin of Boston .....	563	455	373	397	1788
Hemring A. Blomen of Cambridge .....	3	2	0	4	9
Guy S. Williams of Worcester .....	1	2	0	0	3
Blanks .....	31	30	18	14	93
					<hr/> 6197
<b>Lieutenant Governor</b>					
Robert F. Bradford of Cambridge (R) ..	999	1219	1284	1249	4751
John B. Carr of Somerville (D) .....	408	315	232	285	1240
Alfred Erickson of Quincy (Prohib.) ....	11	2	2	1	16
George Leo McGlynn of Springfield (Soc. Labor) .....	4	3	1	4	12
Blanks .....	58	52	34	34	178
					<hr/> 6197
<b>Secretary</b>					
Frederick W. Cook of Somerville (R) ..	1051	1256	1316	1312	4935
Margaret M. O'Riordan of Boston (D) ..	348	266	190	213	1017
Horace J. Hillis of Saugus (Soc. Labor)	7	5	3	9	24
Blanks .....	74	64	44	39	221
					<hr/> 6197
<b>Treasurer</b>					
Fred J. Burrell of Medford .....	885	1068	1118	1113	4184
John E. Hurley of Boston .....	510	412	376	386	1684
Herbert Crabtree of Holyoke .....	4	5	9	9	27
Earle L. Smith of Wellesley .....	6	4	6	7	23
Blanks .....	75	102	44	58	279
					<hr/> 6197



	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	To- tals
<b>Auditor</b>					
Thos. J. Buckley of Boston (D) .....	493	392	345	359	1589
Frank A. Goodwin of Fairhaven (R) ....	899	1126	1158	1157	4340
Gote Elvel Palmquist of Boston					
(Soc. Labor) .....	5	8	1	7	21
Chas. E. Vaughan of Brockton (Prohib.)	5	2	1	3	11
Blanks .....	78	63	48	47	236
					<hr/> 6197
<b>Attorney-General</b>					
Clarence A. Barnes of Mansfield (R) ..	968	1197	1258	1248	4671
Francis E. Kelly of Boston (D) .....	478	313	233	278	1252
Fred E. Oelcher of Peabody (Soc. Lab.)	11	7	4	6	28
Howard B. Rand of Haverhill (Prohib.)..	2	4	1	5	12
Blanks .....	71	70	57	36	234
					<hr/> 6197
<b>Senator in Congress (to fill vacancy)</b>					
John H. Corcoran of Cambridge (D) ...	307	209	150	184	850
Leverett Saltonstall of Newton (R) ....	1112	1342	1378	1352	5184
Bernard G. Kelly of Springfield					
(Soc. Lab.) .....	6	4	1	7	18
E. Tallmadge Root of Somerville					
(Prohib.) .....	4	1	0	3	8
Blanks .....	51	35	24	27	137
					<hr/> 6197
<b>Congressman, Eighth District</b>					
Angier L. Goodwin of Melrose (R) .....	1008	1209	1271	1240	4728
Frederick T. McDermott of Medford (D)	384	296	223	280	1183
Blanks .....	88	86	59	53	286
					<hr/> 6197
<b>Councillor, Sixth District</b>					
Joseph M. Curley of Wakefield (D) ....	472	341	293	304	1410
Victor A. Friend of Melrose (R) .....	923	1155	1184	1200	4462
Blanks .....	85	95	76	69	325
					<hr/> 6197
<b>Senator, Seventh Middlesex</b>					
Arthur W. Coolidge of Reading .....	1291	1407	1443	1449	5590
Blanks .....	189	184	110	124	607
					<hr/> 6197

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	To- tals
<b>Two Representatives in General Court, 18th Middlesex</b>					
Logan R. Dickie of Reading (R) .....	1273	1404	1415	1419	5511
Herman P. Peterson of Woburn (R) ....	1011	1173	1194	1195	4573
Blanks .....	676	605	497	532	2310
					<hr/> 12394
<b>Two County Commissioners, Middlesex County</b>					
William G. Andrew of Cambridge (R) ..	936	1156	1201	1206	4499
Nathaniel I. Bowditch of Framingham (R)	842	1084	1141	1116	4183
Thomas B. Brennan of Medford (D) ....	421	324	255	259	1259
Augustine F. Watson of Lowell (D) ....	321	249	189	219	978
Blanks .....	440	369	320	346	1475
					<hr/> 12394
<b>Sheriff</b>					
Joseph M. McElroy of Cambridge (D,R)	1215	1328	1342	1361	5246
Blanks .....	265	263	211	212	951
					<hr/> 6197
<b>County Commissioner, Middlesex County (to fill vacancy)</b>					
Melvin G. Rogers of Tewksbury (R) ...	1228	1320	1338	1369	5255
Blanks .....	252	271	215	204	942
					<hr/> 6197
<b>Question No. 1</b>					
Yes .....	768	925	944	870	3507
No .....	111	129	144	160	544
Blanks .....	601	537	465	543	2146
					<hr/> 6197
<b>Question No. 2</b>					
Yes .....	537	538	551	539	2165
No .....	369	518	541	511	1939
Blanks .....	574	535	461	523	2093
					<hr/> 6197
<b>Question No. 3</b>					
Yes .....	459	401	372	386	1618
No .....	470	663	714	674	2521
Blanks .....	551	527	467	513	2058
					<hr/> 6197

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	To- tals
<b>Question No. 4</b>					
Yes .....	824	927	974	907	3632
No .....	122	172	158	182	634
Blanks .....	534	492	421	484	1931
					<hr/> 6197

<b>Question No. 5</b>					
Yes .....	652	754	769	744	2919
No .....	248	283	277	295	1103
Blanks .....	580	554	507	534	2175
					<hr/> 6197

### **Alcoholic Beverages**

<b>Question 1</b>					
Yes .....	335	258	255	250	1098
No .....	857	1061	1054	1061	4033
Blanks .....	288	272	244	262	1066
					<hr/> 6197

<b>Question 2</b>					
Yes .....	340	299	284	260	1183
No .....	835	1002	1018	1046	3901
Blanks .....	305	290	251	267	1113
					<hr/> 6197

<b>Question 3</b>					
Yes .....	540	528	491	459	2018
No .....	692	815	856	880	3243
Blanks .....	248	248	206	234	936
					<hr/> 6197

A special tabulation of war ballots was made at the November 7 election as follows:

### **Massachusetts War Ballots:**

Number of ballots applied for .....	540
Number of ballots sent reg. voters .....	317
Number of ballots sent non-reg. voters .....	223
Number of ballots mailed .....	540
Number of ballots cast .....	455
Number of ballots rejected .....	18

Federal War Ballots:

Number received .....	18
Number rejected .....	1
Number cast .....	17

Attest:

NORMAN P. CHARLES, Town Clerk

The votes were declared in open Town Meeting, sealed in ballot envelopes and transmitted to the constable to be placed in the vault for safe keeping.

Voted to adjourn, sine die, 4:30 A. M., November 8th, 1944.

Attest:

NORMAN P. CHARLES, Town Clerk

Monday, November 13, 1944

Attested copies of the election results were this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and to the Clerk of the 18th Representative District in Woburn; also to the County Commissioners at East Cambridge.

**Canvass of Votes, 18th Middlesex District, December 17, 1944**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

We, the Town Clerk of Reading, the Town Clerk of North Reading, the Town Clerk of Wilmington and the City Clerk of Woburn, having met this seventeenth day of November, 1944, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 125 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, have examined the certified copies of records made by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Woburn of the voting precincts comprising the Eighteenth Middlesex Representative District in said city and the certified copy of record made by the Town Clerk of Reading, the Town Clerk of North Reading, the Town Clerk of Wilmington in said District and determine that Logan R. Dickie of Reading and Herman P. Peterson of Woburn appear to have been elected as Representatives to the General Court for the Eighteenth Middlesex Representative District at the State Election held on November 7, 1944.

We hereby certify that the following is a schedule of the names of all persons for whom votes for Representative to the General Court in the Eighteenth Middlesex Representative District were cast and the number of votes for each:

**Woburn, Mass.**

Logan R. Dickie of Reading (R) had:

Three Thousand Nine Hundred Five ..... 3905

Herman P. Peterson of Woburn (R) had:

Five Thousand One Hundred Sixty ..... 5160

Blanks, Five Thousand Three Hundred Forty-two ..... 5342

### **Reading, Mass.**

Logan R. Dickie of Reading (R) had:	
Five Thousand Five Hundred Eleven .....	5511
Herman P. Peterson of Woburn (R) had:	
Four Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-three .....	4573
Blanks, Twenty-three Hundred and Ten .....	2310

### **North Reading, Mass.**

Logan R. Dickie of Reading (R) had:	
One Thousand Eighteen .....	1018
Herman P. Peterson of Woburn (R) had:	
Seven Hundred Ninety-seven .....	797
Blanks, Eight Hundred Fifty-seven .....	857

### **Wilmington, Mass.**

Logan R. Dickie of Reading (R) had:	
One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-eight .....	1328
Herman P. Peterson of Woburn (R) had:	
One Thousand Two Hundred Forty-three .....	1243
Blanks, One Thousand Five Hundred Nineteen .....	1519
Total vote for Logan R. Dickie	
Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-two .....	11762
Total vote for Herman P. Peterson	
Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-three .....	11773
Certificates of election were issued to Logan R. Dickie and Herman P. Peterson.	

NORMAN P. CHARLES, Town Clerk of Reading  
WILLIAM J. SULLIVAN, Town Clerk of North Reading  
WILLIAM S. CAVANAUGH, Town Clerk of Wilmington  
MARGARET G. FITZGERALD, City Clerk of Woburn

## **TOWN WARRANT**

(Seal)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections of town affairs to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street, in said Reading, on:

**Monday, the Twenty-seventh day of November, 1944**

at seven forty-five in the evening, to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of Town officers and special committees and determine what instructions if any will be given town officers and special committees.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2A of Article 1 of the By-laws of the Town of Reading by striking out the words, "Chairman of the Board of Selectmen," and inserting in place thereof the words, "Members of the Board of Selectmen,"—so as to read as follows:

Section 2A. Any representative Town Meeting held under the provisions of Chapter 7, of the Acts of 1943, shall be limited to the voters elected under Section 3 thereof together with the following designated as Town Meeting members at large; namely, any member of the General Court of the Commonwealth, from the Town, the Moderator, the Town Clerk, the Members of the Board of Selectmen, the Chairman of the School Committee, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Board of Public Works, the Chairman of the Municipal Light Board, the Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare; the Chairman of Trustees of the Public Library, the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, the Chairman of the Planning Board, the Chairman of the Board of Cemetery Trustees, the Chairman of the Board of Health, the Town Accountant, and the Town Counsel.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to establish pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1943 the conditions under which a registered voter may speak at any Representative Town Meeting or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or otherwise dispose of for demolition, upon such terms and conditions as they may determine the Union Street School Building and to further authorize and empower said Board to execute in the name and behalf of the Town any and all instruments which may be necessary to effectuate such sale or disposition or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 5. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds to perfect the title by registration in the Land Court of the parcel of land with the buildings thereon owned by the Town, and being the premises known and designated as 35 Orange Street, in said Reading, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to sell upon such terms and conditions as they may determine the parcel of land owned by the Town and situated at the Northeasterly junction of Pearl and Charles Streets and containing approximately 2,791 acres of land and to further authorize and empower said Board to sign, seal, acknowledge and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town, a deed or other instruments conveying the said land to the purchaser thereof, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen



Article 7. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds to reimburse fireman Elmer A. Dykens, for medical attendance and care occasioned by injuries received in line of duty or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 8. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds for the construction of a temporary building to be erected on land located on Bay State Road, at or near the residence of the Dog Officer, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 9. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Fire Alarm Extension Account to the Fire Department Maintenance Account, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 10. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Moth Department, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 11. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the proceeds derived from the sale of scrap, waste paper, and other materials collected for salvage, for the expenses of such collections, and for any purpose relating to the welfare, benefit, or commemorating, or observing the service of persons who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II, and his or her dependents, such sums to be expended as may be determined from time to time, and under the direction of a committee consisting of the Board of Selectmen, the Chairman and the Secretary of the Salvage Committee, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum of money from the surplus Revenue Account, for the purchase of War Bonds, to establish a Post War Rehabilitation Fund as provided by Chapter 5, Acts of 1943, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 13. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds for the purpose of defraying certain unpaid accounts in the Board of Health and Veteran's Benefits Departments, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Town Accountant

Article 14. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds, and transfer for Old Age Assistance Administration, and for General Aid Administration, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Welfare

Article 15. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds for the acquisition by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise of a parcel of land with the buildings thereon owned by John S. Ames and Lizzie B. Ames, and situated on the Southwesterly corner of Summer Ave., and Oak Street, in said Reading, containing approximately 1.03 acres, such premises to be used with other land to be acquired by

the Town, for the construction of an elementary school building.

School Committee

Article 16. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds for the investigation, preparation of preliminary plans and surveys and architectural advice and services which may be deemed necessary for the proposed construction of a new elementary school, or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 17. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate, and transfer from the School General Salaries Account to the School General Maintenance Account, or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the School General Salaries Account, to the School Cafeteria Account, or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Snow and Ice Account, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works, on relocating or altering a portion of the location lines of Green Street and Main Street, at their terminus at the Southeasterly corner of Green Street and Main Street, said location lines being relocated or altered in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Public Works, and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, in accordance with statutory requirements, and to see if the Town will accept the relocation or alteration of said location lines, as shown on said plan, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Public Works to petition the General Court for legislation by amendment of Chapter 118 of Acts of 1921 so as to permit the members of the Board, and the Superintendent thereof, to serve as Town Meeting Members, if so elected to such office under any form of Representative Town Meeting Government, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least three public places in each Precinct of the Town, not less than seven days prior to Nov. 27, 1944, the date set for the meeting in said Warrant, and to publish the Warrant in the Reading Chronicle, one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for such meeting.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of November, 1944.

KENNETH C. LATHAM,  
CHARLES E. WILKINSON,  
HERBERT K. MILLER,

Selectmen of Reading

### Constable's Return

Middlesex, ss.

Reading, Mass., Nov. 20, 1944

By virtue of this warrant, I this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections or town affairs to meet in Security Hall, Woburn St., in said Reading, on Nov. 27, 1944, the date set for said meeting, by posting copies of this warrant in the following public places within the Town of Reading:

#### Precinct 1

Austin's Lunch, Harnden St.  
Danforth's Drug Store, Harnden St.  
Fire Station No. 1, Pleasant St.

#### Precinct 3

Waterhouse's Store, Mineral St.  
Bennie's Store, Lowell St.  
Fire Station No. 2

#### Precinct 2

Masonic Block, Main St.  
Lyceum Hall Bldg., Haven St.  
M. F. Charles' Store, Main St.

#### Precinct 4

Naborhood Store, Lowell St.  
McLaughlin's Store, Main St.  
Municipal Building, Lowell St.

The same being at least seven days prior to Nov. 27, 1944, the date set for said meeting in this warrant.

I also caused a copy to be printed in the Reading Chronicle, date of Nov. 24, 1944, the same being one day at least prior to said date.

Signed:

J. W. SIAS,

Constable of Reading

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### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall, Nov. 27, 1944

Woburn St.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Samuel H. Davis. The warrant was partially read, when on motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the warrant except the Constable's Return which was then duly read by the Town Clerk.

The number in attendance was checked and enough were there for a quorum, and the meeting was legally open.

Article 1. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to lay Article 1 on the table.

Article 2. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Section 2A of Article 1 of the By-Laws be and the same hereby is amended by striking out the words, "Chairman of the Board of Selectmen," and inserting in place thereof the words, "Members of the Board of Selectmen"—so as to read as follows:

Section 2A. Any representative Town meeting held under the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1943, shall be limited to the voters elected under Section 3 thereof together with the following designated as Town Meeting members at large: namely, any mem-

ber of the General Court of the Commonwealth from the Town, the Moderator, the Town Clerk, the Members of the Board of Selectmen, the Chairman of the School Committee, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Board of Public Works, the Chairman of the Municipal Light Board, the Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare, the Chairman of Trustees of the Public Library, the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, the Chairman of the Planning Board, the Chairman of the Board of Cemetery Trustees, the Chairman of the Board of Health, the Town Accountant, and the Town Counsel.

Boston, Mass.

Dec. 22, 1944

The foregoing amendment to By-Laws is hereby approved.

ROBERT T. BUSHNELL,

Attorney-General

Article 3. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that in the conduct of Representative Town Meetings held by the Town, the following rules shall be observed relative to registered voters speaking at such meetings:

Rule 1. Any registered voter of the Town may speak at a Representative Town Meeting, having first identified himself to the Moderator as a registered voter of the Town.

Rule 2. Registered voters shall be given the privilege of speaking at such Representative Meetings after Town Meeting members who desire to speak upon the question under consideration have first been given an opportunity to do so.

Rule 3. No registered voter shall speak on any question more than five minutes without leave of the meeting.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to sell or otherwise dispose of, for demolition, upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, the Union Street School Building and said Board of Selectmen are further authorized and empowered to execute in the name and behalf of the Town any and all instruments which may be necessary to effectuate such sale or disposition.

Article 5. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of two hundred and fifty (250) dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Insurance Account, for the purpose of perfecting the title by registration in the Land Court of the parcel of land with the buildings thereon, owned by the Town, and being the premises known and designated as Number 35 Orange Street, in Reading, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 6. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to sell upon such terms and conditions as they may determine the parcel of land owned by the Town and situated at the Northeasterly junction of Pearl and Charles Streets, in Reading, and estimated to contain 2,791 acres of land, and said Board of Selectmen are further authorized and empowered to sign, seal, acknowledge and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town a good and sufficient deed conveying the land to the purchaser thereof.

Article 7. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of sixty-five (65) dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Insurance Account to reimburse fireman Elmer A. Dykens, for expenses incurred by him for medical attendance, medicine, supplies and care occasioned by injuries sustained by him while in line of duty, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 8. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of four hundred (\$400) dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Public Welfare General Aid Account for the construction of a temporary building for the keeping of stray and unlicensed dogs, such building to be erected on land located on Bay State Road at or near the residence of the dog officer, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 9. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of three hundred (300) dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Fire Alarm Extension Account to the Fire Department Maintenance Account and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 10. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of six hundred (600) dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Veteran's Benefits Account to the Moth Department, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 11. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of fifty-eight hundred and 91/100 (5800.91) dollars be appropriated from the amount on hand representing the proceeds derived from the sale of scrap, waste paper, and other materials collected for salvage, and to transfer said sum to be expended for the expense of such collections, and for any purpose relating to the welfare, benefit or commemorating or observing the service of persons who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II and his or her dependents, such sum to be expended as may be determined from time to time, and under



the direction of a committee consisting of the Board of Selectmen, the Chairman and the Secretary of the Salvage Committee, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 12. Kenneth C. Latham moved that the sum of fifty thousand (50,000) dollars be appropriated from Surplus Revenue Account and transfer said sum for the purchase of War Bonds to establish a Post War Rehabilitation Fund as provided by Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1943 and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

On motion of Robert B. Perry it was voted that the motion be amended to read \$75,000.00 instead of \$50,000.00.

Vote was then taken on the amended motion which was carried.

Article 13. On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the sum of one hundred ninety-two (192) dollars be appropriated from the unexpended balance in the Insurance Account, and transfer said sum for payment of unpaid account of the Board of Health incurred in the year 1942, and the sum of forty-five (45) dollars be appropriated from the unexpended balance in the Insurance Account and transfer said sum for payment of unpaid account in the Veterans Benefits Department incurred in the year 1940, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sums to carry out the purposes of this vote.

Article 14. On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) be appropriated from the unexpended balance in Aid to Dependent Children Administrative Account and transferred to General Aid Administrative Account and that the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) be appropriated from the unexpended balance in Aid to Dependent Children Administrative Account, and transferred to Old Age Assistance Administrative Account, and that the Town Accountant be, and he hereby is, authorized to make the necessary transfers to carry out the purposes of this vote.

Article 15. On motion of Irving C. Austin it was voted to indefinitely postpone this article.

Article 16. On motion of Irving C. Austin it was voted that the sum of twenty-five hundred (2500) dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Public Welfare Old Age Assistance Account for the investigation and study of suitable sites for elementary school buildings, and for the preliminary plans and surveys and architectural and engineering advice and services which may be necessary for the construction of an elementary school building in the vicinity of Summer Avenue and Oak Street, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 17. On motion of Irving C. Austin it was voted that the



sum of one thousand (1000) dollars be appropriated from the unexpended balance in the School General Salaries Account to the School General Maintenance Account, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 18. On motion of Irving C. Austin it was voted that the sum of two thousand (2000) dollars be appropriated from the unexpended balance in the School General Salaries Account to the School Cafeteria Account, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 19. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of four hundred (\$400.00) dollars be appropriated from the unexpended balance in the Mineral St. Bridge Resurfacing Account; three hundred (\$300.00) dollars from unexpended balance in the Victory Garden Account and eight hundred (\$800.00) dollars from the unexpended balance in the Veterans Benefits Account, and transfer said sums amounting to fifteen hundred (\$1500.00) dollars to the Snow and Ice Account, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sums to said account.

Article 20. Report of the Board of Public Works on the Relocation or Alteration of the Southeasterly Intersection of Green and Main Streets.

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require that the public highways be laid out, relocated or altered as and in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to owners of land thereof, and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing, and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard have laid out, relocated or altered as public highways for the use of the Town, the Southeast corner of Green Street and Main Street. The boundaries and measurements of said public highways are as follows:

Beginning at said intersection of said southerly side line of Green Street with said Easterly side line of Main Street, said point being N.<sup>o</sup> 3-00'-00" E. a distance of 256-05 feet from a stone bound, located at the point of curve of Washington Street at Main Street;

Thence running S.3°-00'-00" W., by said Easterly side line of said Main Street, a tangent distance of 12.36 feet to a point:

Thence by a curve North to East having a radius of 12.0 feet, a length of 19.20 feet to a point on said Southerly side line of said Green Street;

Thence N.85°-19'-00" W., by said Southerly side line of said Green Street, a tangent distance of 1236 feet to the point of beginning.

The approximate area taken is thirty-three and one tenth (33.1) square feet.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Plan showing Proposed Relocation of the Southeasterly Intersection of Green Street and Main Street, Reading, Mass.," dated April, 1944, Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Superintendent, said Plan being a part of this description.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement.

No betterments are to be assessed for this improvement.

This laying out, relocation or alteration so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that when this report is accepted and adopted by the Town, that said public highways shall therefore be laid out, relocated or altered in accordance with said plan.

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman  
HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Secretary  
EDWARD TEER,  
Members of the Board of Public Works  
Town of Reading

On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the relocating or altering of the location lines of Green Street and Main Street at their terminus at the South-easterly corner of Green Street and Main Street and adopt the recommendations contained therein.

Article 21. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the Board of Public Works be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to petition the General Court for enabling legislation by amendment of Chapter 118 of the Acts of 1921 or otherwise, so as to permit the members of the Board of Public Works and the Superintendent elected to such office under any form of Representative Town Meeting Government.

On motion of Otis B. Ruggles it was voted to take Article 1 from the table.

Otis B. Ruggles announced Salvage Fund Drive.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to lay Article 1 on the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to adjourn, Sine Die. 132 precinct members attended the meeting.

Attest:

NORMAN P. CHARLES, Town Clerk

#### RECOUNT OF VOTES FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Pursuant to a notice from the Secretary of the Commonwealth a Recount of Votes was held by the Registrars in Room 19, Municipal Building at 7:00 P. M., with the following result:

**Original**

	Barnes	Kelly	Oelcher	Rand	Blanks	Total
Prec. 1 .....	968	428	11	2	71	1480
Prec. 2 .....	1197	313	7	4	70	1591
Prec. 3 .....	1258	233	5	1	56	1553
Prec. 4 .....	1248	278	6	3	38	1573
Totals .....	4671	1252	29	10	235	6197

**Recount**

	Barnes	Kelly	Oelcher	Rand	Blanks	Total
Prec. 1 .....	969	433	8	2	68	1480
Prec. 2 .....	1196	314	5	5	71	1591
Prec. 3 .....	1255	233	4	2	59	1553
Prec. 4 .....	1246	278	6	3	40	1573
Totals .....	4666	1258	23	12	238	6197

Barnes lost 5 votes.

Kelly gained 6 votes.

Oelcher lost 6 votes.

Rand gained 2 votes.

Blanks gained 3 votes.

Attest:

NORMAN P. CHARLES,  
Town Clerk

### **NOTICE TO PARENTS, HOUSEWIVES, PHYSICIANS AND MIDWIVES**

Your attention is called to the sections below taken from the revised laws. Blank forms for return of birth can be obtained of the Town Clerk.

#### **General Laws, Chap. 46, Sec. 3 (Tercentenary Edition)**

#### **(As amended by Chapter 326, section one, Acts of 1939.)**

Every physician, or hospital medical officer registered under section nine of chapter one hundred and twelve, in this chapter called officer, shall keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which he was in charge, showing date and place of birth, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, the name, age, birthplace, occupation and residence (including the street number, if any, and the ward number if in a city) of each parent, the maiden name of the mother and the name of the physician or officer, if any, personally attending the birth. If the child is illegitimate, the name of and other facts relating to the father shall not be set forth except upon written request of both the father and mother; provided that if an illegitimate child shall have become legitimate by the intermarriage of his parents and the acknowledg-

ment of his father, as provided in section seven of chapter one hundred and ninety, prior to the mailing or delivery of any report herein required, such report shall read, in all respects, as if such child had been born to such parents in lawful wedlock. Said physician or officer shall, within fifteen days after such birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the town where such birth occurred, a report stating the facts hereinabove required to be shown on said record and also the said written request, if any; provided, that if said report is not so made within forty-eight hours after such birth, said physician, or officer shall, within said forty-eight hours, mail or deliver to said clerk or registrar a notice stating the date and place of the birth, the street number, if any, the ward number, if in a city, and the family name. Upon presentation to him of a certificate of the town clerk stating that any such birth has been duly reported, the town treasurer shall pay to such physician or officer a fee of twenty-five cents for each birth so reported. Any physician or any such officer violating any provision of this section shall forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars. The said town clerk or registrar shall file daily with the local board of health a list of all births reported to him, showing, as to each, the date of birth, sex, color, family name, residence; ward and physician or officer in charge.

Within sixty days after the date of the birth of any child born in the commonwealth with visible congenital deformities, or any condition apparently acquired at birth which may lead to crippling, the physician in attendance upon said births shall prepare upon a form provided by the state department of public health and file with the clerk of the town where such births occurred a report setting forth such visible congenital deformity, or any condition apparently acquired at birth which may lead to crippling.

Said clerk shall transmit forthwith to said department such supplementary report of such birth. The contents of such birth shall be solely for the use of said department in connection with its functions relative to crippled children, and such report shall not be open to public inspection or constitute a public record.

#### **General Laws, Chap. 46, Sec. 6**

Parents within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his home, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born.

#### **General Laws, Chapter 111**

Sections 110 and 111, require physicians, registered hospital medical officers, nurses or other attendants to report at once to the local board of health, every child one or both of whose eyes become inflamed, swollen and red and show an unnatural discharge within two weeks after birth.

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1944

Date	Name	Parent
January		
1	Margaret Ann Castine	Kenneth J. and Sarah
4	Barbara Frances Gallant	John A. and Frances G.
5	John Edward Murray	John H. and Marie L.
6	Michael Lawrence Desmond	Daniel J. and Helen G.
9	Janice Adalaide Lord	Harold N. and Alice G.
12	Elizabeth Ann Dole	Albion I. and May E.
16	Deborah Packard Snow	George H. and Mary W.
18	Donna Marie Record	Amos J. and Ann K.
20	Karen Ruth Frazier	John L. and Edna D.
20	George Michael Cannon	George M. and Rita W.
20	Stephen Bruce Hall	Emery L. and Alice C.
21	Loel Arnold Mercer	James R. and Lois B.
21	Paul Winslow Mercer	James R. and Lois B.
22	Vincent Joseph Balestrier	Joseph and Eileen L.
22	Sandra Jean Sherrod	Roy L. and Florence M.
24	Martha Willson	William H. and Earline
27	Dianne Margaret MacMillan	Frank H. and Alice M.
February		
1	William Laushe Ninde	George E. and Vera L.
1	Beatrice Marie Surette	John and Esther R.
1	Robert Hall Brockway	Robert S. and Barbara
4	Frederick Leonard Moulton, Jr.	Frederick L. and Bettina
10	David Jesse Maxim	John A. and Hazel E.
21	Jane Marian Stone	James C. and Hilda H.
21	Linda Lobo	Stephen E. and Marilyn
23	Charlotte Ruth Anderson	Elihu E. and Ruth E.
24	Anthony Tine, Jr.	Anthony and Alice P.
26	Richard Arnold Doucette	Joseph L. and Mary G.
26	Dorothy Marguerite Easton	Stewart F. and Neta S.
28	Robert Lewis Webster, Jr.	Robert L. and Marian
March		
2	Beighley	David C. and Edna M.
2	Robert Martin Reebenacker	Maurice O. and Dorothea
2	Richard Bartholomew Reebenacker	Maurice O. and Dorothea
3	James Stewart Brown	Ernest E. and Evelyn C.
7	Douglas Howard Wood	Frederick O. and Dorothy I.
7	John James Holland, Jr.	John J. and Dorothy L.



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Date	Name	Parent
March		
7	Jeannette Grace Fisher	William G. and Mary C.
9	Michael Paul Jones	John T. and Elsie M.
9	Elizabeth Mary Brennen	Frederick R. and Alberta B.
10	Kenneth Renner Johnson, Jr.	Kenneth R. and Ann E.
14	Janet Donovan	Leo A. and Elinor C.
15	Candice Lee Hitchcock	Robert W. and Edith H.
15	William Franklin Burnham, 3rd	William F. and Dorothy F.
16	Mary Gladys Gilman	John C. and Eleanor G.
18	Sandra Lee Lewis	George T. and Doris M.
22	Cheryl Anne Williams	Fordyce I. and Hazel C.
28	Patricia Ann Gill	William H. and Mary
28	Jane Steel Bonner	Norman J. and Ruth
29	Sharon Ruth Weed	John E. and Virginia B.
31	Lucretia Dennison	Ralph H. and Barbara
April		
3	Edwin Aran Kevorkian, Jr.	Edwin A. and Marion A.
6	Nellie Frances Sieber	John E. and Corrine F.
6	Richard Joseph Gerrior	Medord J. and Florence E.
6	Bayard Sterling Cutcliffe	Winthrop and Jane
7	Barbara June Boyd	James N. and June E.
9	Sandra Lee Goodearl	Elmer A. and Carrie M.
10	Renzel Ruth Hurd	Julian W. and Renzel M.
13	Cheryl Faye Newell	Harry R. and Lillian F.
15	John Ainsworth Doherty	Joseph P. and Rita M.
16	Rosemary Devaney	Lawrence H. and Eleanor M.
20	James Vincent Carroll	Robert J. and Marion E.
21	Barbara Gay Lehr	George S. and Gladys G.
24	Eleanor Rose Gleason	Nahshon R. and Julia A.
26	Dennis Charles Surette	Paul E. and Susan J.
May		
2	Carol Elizabeth Hoyt	Carl H. and Dorothy I.
3	Lawrence William Frost	Lawrence E. and Doris P.
4	Conrad Edward Hughson	Ralph L. and Olive T.
5	Elsa Mildred Pentz	Thomas E. and Josephine A.
6	Robert Scott Cheyne	Robert B. and Shirley A.
7	Karen Maura Nordberg	Warren A. and Irene J.
8	Bradford Washburn Gilley	John B. and Helena L.
8	Ellen Hardy	Thomas F. and Agnes



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Date	Name	Parent
May		
11	David Paul Mahoney	Joseph W. and Anna T.
11	Linda Marie Snow	Everett L. and Marjorie L.
11	Sandra Lee Reynolds	Walter J. and Alice M.
13	Joan Elaine Johnston	John H. and Harriet O.
15	Howard Russell Cox	Howard G. and Evelyn F.
16	Paul Francis Jost	Edward C. and Eleanor M.
16	Mary Ann Paulson	Thomas J. and Winifred M.
18	Sally Higgins	Donald and Eleanor
21	John Warren Symonds	Otis P. and Eugenia A.
22	Virginia Lee Bridges	Harold W. and Helen V.
23	Joan Evelyn Wilkinson	John E. and Barbara H.
23	Pamela Read Ball	Littleton R. and Patricia
25	Frances Patricia Howard	John A. and Alice M.
25	Nancy Evelyn Murphy	Henry A. and Natalie
27	David Perley Ames	Burton F. and Gladys C.
30	James Denis Castine	Wilbur F. and Catherine A.
June		
1	Philip Carucci	Steven F. and Nancy T.
2	Susan Wade Fowler	Walter M. and Dorothy L.
2	Sandra May Neiss	Frederick J. and Dorothy M.
3	John Kenneth Willis	Warren G. and Phyllis M.
4	Mary Elaine Connell	Thomas J. and Mary B.
8	Daniel Austin Richardson	Austin J. and Eleanor
9	Ronald Creighton Knight	Ralph D. and Lorraine E.
9	Alan Robert Curtis	Robert A. and Arlene A.
10	James David White	Roy F. and Anna G.
11	Bruce Wayne Ives	Kenneth A. and Adella A.
11	Robert Michael Dalton	Michael R. and Mary A.
13	David Frederick Grant	Frederick H. and Doris E.
14	Kathleen Mary Driscoll	John J. and Mary A.
18	Robert Irwin Davison	Robert O. and Parlene B.
19	Pamela Bridge Crooker	Richard H. and Margaret C.
22	Lois Evelyn Venuti	Frank and Lillian G.
22	Malcolm Ernest Roberts	Chester E. and Winifred
23	Mary Ann Doherty	Daniel F. and Winifred E.
24	Douglas Edwin Stevens	Ralph E. and Eleanor N.
25	Karen Louise Foley	Joseph M. and Dorothy C.
26	Kurt Schimmelbusch	Wilbur B. and Mildred C.
26	Rita May Bertelsen	Bernard F. and Lorraine E.

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Date	Name	Parent
June		
27	O'Brien	Edward A. and Margaret E.
27	Barbara Elizabeth Lundholm	Robert A. and Eva H.
29	Alfred Floyd Johnson, Jr.	Alfred F. and Madeline M.
30	Frederick Norman Jewett	Norman H. and Theresa M.
July		
1	Danny Kaye Dugan	George R. and Shirley
1	Karin Ralston	Sumner E. and Clara T.
4	Lawrence Allan Nickerson	James S. and Phyllis A.
4	Marcia Jean Mollica	Robert L. and Mary C.
6	Brian Jenkins Chase	Robert P. and Catherine P.
6	Carl Philip Stoddard	Joseph P. and Charlotte E.
11	Gloria Jean Poore	Harvey P. and Rose M.
12	William Joseph Thereault, Jr.	William J. and Kathleen
13	James Thomas Guttadauro	James P. and Dorothea A.
13	Lana Kaye Hodson	Sydney M. and Katherine B.
14	Diane Carol Croce	Bernard A. and Evelyn R.
17	Robert William Dresser	William R. and Ruth
17	Richard Francis Cootey	Howard L. and Helen E.
18	Richard Malcolm McLeod	John T. and Cynthia
18	Priscilla Louise Palazzo	Frank J. and Priscilla L.
19	Barbara Louise Demars	Louis E. and Margaret P.
23	Michael Glee Pearson	James J. and Lucile C.
24	Henderson	Elmer R. and Grace C.
25	Patricia Frances Duff	John M. and Frances A.
25	Maxwell	Roger H. and Eleanor F.
26	James Peter Surette	Anselm E. and Bridget N.
26	Patricia Loveland Hall	William E. and Jean B.
26	Daniel Richard Dacey	Charles R. and Barbara L.
28	Phyllis June Adams	Earle and Isabelle P.
August		
5	Sharon Elizabeth Mullen	Calvert W. and Barbara E.
7	Mark McSheehy	George M. and Frances E.
7	Clifton DeWitt Kimball	Walter B. and Marie R.
8	Elizabeth Helen Peckham	Archibald M. and Amy F.
11	Dianne Lillian Melendy	James E. and Mildred L.
12	Donald Edward Florence, Jr.	Donald E. and Isabelle P.
12	Hailey	Robert and Lillian M.
13	Lawrence Thompson Horn	Ralph F. and Jennette E.
13	Richard David Ellingwood	Donald F. and Mary R.

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Date	Name	Parent
August		
16	Judith Lorraine Watkins	Herbert S. and Lorraine L.
23	Paul Maurice Donegan	Maurice H. and Margaret S.
26	Joyce Elizabeth Bigelow	Kenneth A. and Catherine M.
28	Linda Jane Robinson	Neil C. and Clara M.
29	Leslie Elliot Kyle	John W. and Violet F.
30	George Warren Munnis	Alvin A. and Doris M.
30	Kathleen Harrington	Paul J. and Geraldine M.
31	Nancy Ellen Hurt	Adelbert F. and Virginia G.
September		
1	Richard Francis Converse	Fay M. and Gladys M.
8	George Douglas Miller	William C. and Josephine A.
8	Laura Bishop	William W. and Linda
9	Douglas Clayton Anderson	Percy E. and Dorothy E.
9	Carolynn Gail Hubbard	William W. and Mabel L.
11	Carolyn Cupit	Willai R. and Alice E.
14	John Thomas Campbell	John T. and Shirley F.
16	Frederick Gage Day	Joshua T. and Georgia C.
17	Betty Ann Fowler	Herbert A. and Gertrude A.
19	Linda Marie Harney	George A. and Rita M.
22	Peter Richard Pettingell	Gordon B. and Emma M.
22	Robert Stevens Conti	Ralph F. and Marjorie L.
26	Carol Ann Fairney	Charles and Norma R.
29	Carol Ann Greene	William J. and Ethel M.
30	Mary Bertha Hazzard	Arthur T. and Mildred V.
October		
1	John Harold Robbins, Jr.	John H. and Barbara R.
3	Richard Eric Seifred	Richard V. and Lois M.
5	Evelyn Lee Lindquist	Alfred L. and Marie H.
7	John Wilson Cocke	Marion E. and Marjorie E.
8	Sandra Lee Brumley	Roy D. and Eleanor
9	Barbara Louise Moore	Elmer W. and Florence V.
10	Allan Carvell Bissett	Norman T. and Elisabeth S.
10	Samuel Hemenway Williams, Jr.	Samuel H. and Elizabeth F.
10	McKenna	Joseph F. and Alice M.
11	Thomas Edward Trainor	Thomas J. and Ada V.
15	Rita Doherty	Joseph and Alice R.
16	Stephen Jay Arsenault	Ernest S. and Florence E.
17	Richard Anthony Iosua	William A. and Verna P.
20	Putnam	Stephen R. and Margaret L.

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Date	Name	Parent
October		
22	Jerilyn May Bredbury	Gerald F. and Mary
23	Margaret Borg	James D. and Mary L.
24	Phillip Gilbert Hubbard	Leonard S. and Aldea R.
25	Dianne Marie Waterman	Vernon A. and Ethel V.
25	Linda Leigh Merritt	Richard H. and Irene
26	Sandra Gladys Sias	Donald B. and Mabel E.
29	Arthur Linwood Spencer, Jr.	Arthur L. and Mary P.
30	Wilfred George Landry, Jr.	Wilfred G. and Mary F.
31	Tracy Whittier Greene	Carle W. and Ruth H.
31	Leo Joseph Houle, Jr.	Leo J. and Rose T.
31	Peter Wright Willcox	Phillip G. and Dorothy M.
November		
1	Richard Daniel Gonzalo	Frederick W. and Elizabeth F.
4	Stephen Edgar Ness	Norman H. and Virginia E.
5	Linda Ruth Dickman	Bernard S. and Helen A.
8	Marjorie Ann Fillmore	Edward C. and Marjorie L.
9	Roger Allen Arnold	George T. and Anna L.
10	Edwin Noah Sanborn, Jr.	Edwin N. and Sylvia
13	George Frank Doucette	Edward H. and Louise A.
15	John David Erickson	Eric and Dorothy R.
22	Janet Lorraine Brooks	Horance T. and Lillian M.
23	Philip Eugene Pare	Eugene G. and Marjorie E.
25	Dean Stuart Adler	Donald N. and Florence R.
26	William Allen Snyder	Wade R. and Sarah J.
December		
1	Robert Walley Gile	Everett L. and Virginia W.
5	Donald George Lord	Edward R. and Hannah E.
6	Donald Frederick Hall	George D. and Carol E.
6	Sandra Marie Hopkins	Chester I. and Mabel M.
7	Charles Way Harrison	Paul H. and Barbara A.
8	Berninger	Melvin V. and Elizabeth
10	Paul Alfred Koslouski	John J. and Marion R.
12	Carol Stewart Carney	Gates M. and Alice C.
16	Buxton	Clayton E. and Ruth A.
19	Judy Ann Hopel	Clayton J. and Edna L.

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Date	Name	Parent
December		
23	Heide Elizabeth Petzold	Paul O. and Gertrude L.
26	Jane Merrill	Richard E. and Lois
27	Kenneth Allen Ordway	Aden W. and Anne
28	Edward LeRoy Cornwall	Edward L. and Ivy A.
29	Mary Elizabeth Slatting	William C. and Mary A.
30	Carmen Zoe Burridge	Frank D. and Carmen M.
31	Philip Russell Maher	George E. and Claire M.

## AFFIDAVIT AND CORRECTIONS OF RECORD OF BIRTHS

1874

Dec. 11 Arthur Bliss Estabrook John G. and Araminta J.

1909

Oct. 26 Natalie Abbott Walsh Richard J. and Ruby H.

1913

June 24 James Paulsen Giblin Lawrence F. and Hellen

1924

Mar. 5 Alexander Williamson  
Clapperton John and Jemima

1925

Oct. 7 Madeline Mae Peck

1928

Aug. 16 Clifford Paul Meuse Louis L. and Helen

1928

July 24 Arthur Harold Delin Arthur H. and Lillian E.

1938

Jan. 14 Ann Elizabeth Froburg Frank W. and Mary J.

1942

May 22 Marcia Wells Davis Frank D. and Ruth C.

# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING, YEAR 1944

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
January				
1	Sidney Irving Storey	42	Technician	Reading
	Ruth Mary Clough	42	Clerk	Lowell
5	Charles Nelson Nickerson	21	U. S. Army	Reading
	Mary Virginia Roberts	19	Secretary	Reading
8	George Ernest Sheppard	21	Receiver	Reading
	Beatrice Susan DeRenne	19	At Home	Reading
9	Eugene Lionel Robert	26	Machinist	Woonsocket, R. I.
	Mary Leona Thibodeau	23	Clerk	Reading
13	Robert Owen Carlock	25	U. S. Marines	Denver, Col.
	Mary Bernice Maling	20	Secretary	Reading
14	Maurice Henry Donegan	43	Clerk	Wakefield
	Margaret (Hickman) Hunt	39	Laundry Worker	Reading
15	John E. Merry	23	Farmer	Duxbury
	Mary Louise Peaslee	17	At Home	No. Sandwich, N. H.
16	George Joseph Farpelha	32	Contractor	Reading
	Ida Mary Queenan	24	At Home	Reading
23	Melborne Thompson	25	Guard	Reading
	Charlotte Rena Parker	20	Lathe Operator	Malden
25	Henry Edson Perkins	24	U. S. Army	Reading
	Phyllis Harriett Cullington	20	Student Nurse	Reading
28	Norman Leroy Pease	22		Hyde Pk, Boston
	Ruth Genevieve Surette	23	Stenographer	Reading
29	Edward Joseph Brennan	31	Electric Welder	Hyde Pk., Boston
	Agnes Joan O'Dowd	27	Nurse	Reading
29	Frank Joseph Orlando	20	Watchmaker	Gloucester
	Virginia Frances Perkins	22	Lathe Operator	Reading

## February

1	Chalmer Murphy	22	U. S. Navy	Cincinnati, Ohio
	Gloria Avis Olsen	18	At Home	Reading
2	Edward Francis Gallagher	35	Machinist	Reading
	Florence Louise (Wallace) Collyns	28	Defense Worker	Malden
10	Bernard Schimpfke	34	U. S. Army	Reading
	Sarah Lenore McNamara	34	Dietitian	Tewksbury
12	George Edward Fennelly, Jr.	19	Letter Carrier	Reading
	Ruth Warner Hoyt	21	Postal Clerk	Reading



# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING, YEAR 1944

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
February				
12	Leonard William Osbourne Hazel Madeline (Lothrop) Crosby	36 43	Machinist Clerk	Reading Reading
12	James Dunn Borg Mary Louise Zitzow	22 21	U. S. Navy Secretary	Salt Lake City, Utah Reading
12	Andrew Albertus Adams Lois Alma McNaughton	39 33	Machine Operator At Home	Reading Reading
14	John Tamolare Rosalie M. Wistuba	21 18	U. S. Army Office Work	E. Boston No. Reading
20	William Bond Mitchell Geraldine Frances McEttrick	24 21	Receiver File Clerk	Reading Stoneham
20	William Charles Slatting Mary Alice Richards	24 17	Laborer At Home	Reading Wilmington
20	Walter Louis Bryce Colburne Helen Winnifred Dahlquist	21 18	U. S. Army At Home	Greenwood Reading
22	James Patrick McManus Mary (Gray) Lovejoy	36 40	Laborer At Home	Reading Worcester
26	Joseph Cifaldo Elsie May Mason	24 20	U. S. Army Bookkeeper	Newton Highlands Reading
March				
4	Chester Harold Darr Ruth Bernice Parry	25 22	U. S. Army Clerk	Reading Reading
19	Ruel Leon Whitchurch Mildred (Simpson) Moody	58 40	Farmer Housekeeper	Reading Reading
27	Lawrence Salvatore Belcamino, Jr. Virginia Ruth Runge	29 23	Metal Assembler Presser	Reading Reading
29	John Rondoni Helen White	17 16	Maritime Service Waitress	Wakefield Wakefield
April				
1	Joseph Edward Doucette Ethel Winifred Coles	44 36	Filler Tel. Supervisor	Reading Reading
8	David A. O'Neil Viola Grace Stewart	19 18	U. S. Marines Typist	Bellrose, N. Y. Reading
12	Paul Raymond Doucette Margaret Elizabeth Knight	20 18	U. S. Army Packer	Wakefield Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
April				
16	George William Thebeau	18	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Greta Elaine Garnett	18	Clerk	Reading
16	Edmund Gilbert Gromyko	27	Cemetery Dept.	Reading
	Marjorie Emily Connors	20	Atlantic Gelatin Co.	Woburn
16	Daniel Francis Doherty	22	Taxi Driver	Malden
	Etta Elvira Wood	22	Telephone Operator	Reading
16	Mark Luther Gunning	19	U. S. Navy	Philadelphia, Pa.
	Mildred Louise White	22	At Home	Reading
26	Leonard Francis Marti	21	U. S. Navy	Chagrin Falls, Ohio
	Marie Frances Walsh	24	Clerk	Reading
26	Richard Swinnerton			
	Gascoigne	29	U. S. Army	Reading
	Louise Bowers	27	Nurse	Reading
30	Herbert Francis Carter	30	Order Clerk	Reading
	Phyllis Ann Callan	26	Secretary	Reading
May				
4	Ralph D. Kiley	22	U. S. Navy	W. Peabody
	Mary J. Stanton	20	Operator	N. Reading
9	Stanley Rice Boyers	26	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Mary Angeline Brackett	22	Metalsmith	Norfolk, Va.
12	Frank Glass Dunnington	40	Physicist	Belmont
	Frances Louise Tulin	34	Bookkeeper	Reading
15	Daniel Frances Doherty	21	Leather Worker	Woburn
	Winifred Elizabeth Cail	19	At Home	Reading
16	Fred Owen Loveless	60	Selector	Somerville
	Nellie Grace (Curren) Coffee	54	Hairdresser	Somerville
20	Joseph Arthur Gallant	30	Laundry Worker	Reading
	Ruth Royletta Graves	25	Clerk	Melrose
22	Edward Carpenter	32	Fireman	Melrose
	Esther Helena Madden	27	Waitress	Reading
27	John Perkins Goodridge	23	Physician	Reading
	Marjorie Gale	22	Medical Secretary	Reading
28	Wesley Herbert McPhee	26	Radio Technician	Rockland
	Evelyn Brenda Turner	19	Stenographer	Reading
June				
3	Frank Howard	33	U. S. Soldier	Reading
	Gladys Margaret Follansbee	34	School Teacher	Manchester, N.H.

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
June				
3	Gordon Davies Arnold	26		Stoneham
	Florence Marie Voss Brinck	25		Brooklyn, N. Y.
3	Brendon Leonard Hoyt	24	Aircraft Dispatcher	Reading
	Rosary Marie Marino	21	Secretary	Reading
4	John Eugene Garrity	46	Teacher	Medford
	Margaret Elizabeth Greene	30	Bookkeeper	Reading
4	Eleazer Herbert Griffiths	52	Clerk	Reading
	Susan Marie Donahue	44	Clerk	Roslindale
5	David W. MacMillan	24	Army A. F.	Swampscott
	Elizabeth Kimball	21	At Home	N. Reading
6	John Lauriston Bogrett	23	Ensign, U.S.N.A.	Hampton, N. H.
	Phyllis Irene Gormlie	19	Bank Clerk	Reading
10	Charles Philip Dowling	59	Executive	Brockton
	Mary Catherine Canty	28	Bookkeeper	Reading
10	Francis John Thornton, Jr.	23	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Jeannette Margaret Davis	23	Bookkeeper	Reading
11	Charles Frederick Riley	27	Gear Cutter	Reading
	Grace Pauline Reddy	27	Machine Operator	Woburn
11	Thomas Francis Kane	38	Stationary Engineer	Reading
	Anna Theresa Gray	31	Clerk	Wakefield
17	Arthur Francis Hopkins, Jr.	23	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Donnie Lloyd	21	At Home	Providence, R. I.
17	Frank Gilbert Ingalls	26	Radio	Reading
	Elizabeth Burnham Wood	23	School Teacher	Lawrence
17	Ralph Mitchell, Jr.	21	Chauffeur	Saugus
	Marion Eleanor Gray	22	Bank Clerk	Reading
21	Leonard Paul Doucette	43	Fireman	Reading
	Annie Frances Heggarty	52	Checker	Reading
24	Thomas Stephen Widell	22	Mail Carrier	Reading
	Ann Elizabeth Earley	23	Rubber Worker	Andover
24	Gardiner A. Lester	29	Veterinarian	Reading
	Marion Adelaide Rauskolb	26	Bee Keeper	Medford

## July

1	James Gilbert Wood	25	Salesman	Beverly
	Lillian Alice Goodwin	21	Secretary	Reading
1	Charles Augustus McClure	22	Lt. A. A. F.	Allston
	Ruth Evelyn Hicks	21	Student	Reading
9	Arthur Richard Crook	57	Insurance Salesman	New Bedford
	Elizabeth Boothby	52	School Teacher	Portland, Me

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
July				
9	William Franklin Campbell, Jr.	22	U. S. Army	Reading
	Florence Elizabeth Dulong	22	Clerk	Malden
10	George Alphonsus Gould	41	U. S. Army	Reading
	Rita Bernadett Clougherty	30	At Home	Boston
14	William Bertram Goodwin	24	Clerk	Reading
	Mary Elizabeth Rich	23	Clerk	Malden
16	Paul Frazer Mellen	40	Packer	Reading
	Doris Eliza Fenton	28	Stenographer	Lynn
23	John Thomas Ainsworth	27	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Mary Katherine Dissel	27	Clerk	Reading
28	Leo W. Davis	65	Salesman	Boston
	Dale R. (Austin) Knights	38	Entertainer	Boston
29	Chester Frank Bayek	27	Tool and Gauge Maker	Hartford, Conn.
	Miriam Louise Hatfield	24	Secretary	Reading
30	Albert Deyman Legg	24	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Joyce Batchelder	20	Secretary	Springfield, Vt.
August				
1	Jesse Ira Martin	22	U. S. Army	Clayton, Ill.
	Agnes Elizabeth Queenan	20	Stripper	Reading
6	Edward Joseph Wilson	21	U. S. Army	N. Reading
	Florence Agnes Duggan	20	Secretary	N. Reading
12	Harvey Kenneth Abbott	25	Machinist	Saugus
	Olive Winslow Bates	26	Draftswoman	Reading
12	William Sayles White	29	Jobber	Pawtucket, R. I.
	Natalie Cate	28	Secretary	Reading
17	Roger William Pine, Jr.	27	U. S. Army	Reading
	Pauline Elinor Glover	24	Receptionist	Reading
19	William Joseph Thornton	22	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Betty Joyce Stanwood	20	At Home	Reading
19	Norman Douglas Russell	20	Shipyard Worker	E. Boston
	Mary Ethel Muir	17	Lugging	Reading
25	Francis R. Lyons	19	Farmer	Reading
	Bertha O. Nichols	30	Manager	Reading
26	Lawrence Patrick Bavis	24	Farm Hand	Reading
	Eleanor Rita Porter	20	Welder	Reading

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## August

26	Harry Francis Evans	21	U. S. Army	Reading
	June Turner	20	At Home	Reading
26	Herbert Erickson	56	Machinist	Arlington
	Leonie Mae (Golden) Clement	49	Lathe Operator	Reading
27	Claude Carswell Brown	23	U. S. Navy	Jacksonville, Fla.
	Eleanor Sue Carver	30	W.A.V.E.	Reading
27	Felix Frank Carpenella	35	Store Clerk	Reading
	Lucy Pacillo	25	At Home	Reading
28	Andrew Gregory Whalen	43	Fish Co.	Middletown, Conn.
	Helen Frances Brown	42	At Home	Reading

## September

2	George Edward Melendy	28	Stationary Fireman	Reading
	Catherine (Martin) Newell	35	Shoe Worker	Reading
2	Harold David Kimball, Jr.	21	Salesman	Bedford
	Viola Elizabeth Gordon	25	Navy Nurse	Chelsea
2	Arthur Earl Gardner	52	Foreman	Malden
	Leona Mae Boatright	52	Civilian Mechanic	Reading
4	Frederick Campbell			
	Kenney, Jr.	25	U. S. Army	Reading
	Evelyn Ida MacCourt	25	Bank Clerk	Somerville
9	Forest Fairfield Spurling, Jr.	20	Dispatcher	Haverill
	Ellen Gertrude Kenney	19	Tel. Operator	Reading
9	Ralph Joseph Robbins	25	R. R. Ex. Driver	Reading
	Mary Katherine Frotten	22	At Home	Reading
12	Douglas Gill	25	U. S. Army	Reading
	Mava Anita Classen	23	Secretary	Reading
13	Frank Woodworth Norton	36	Evaporator Operator	Reading
	Barbara May Clark	21	Clerk	Reading
16	John Raymond Call	18	U. S. Navy	Skaneateles, N. Y.
	Barbara Jeanette Miner	17	Factory Worker	Reading
17	James Jackson Nargis	38	Architect	Reading
	Susan Eminian	34	Saleslady	Watertown
17	Thomas Joseph White	24	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Eileen M. Pero	21	Hairdresser	Woburn
28	Edward John McDonald	18	U. S. Army	N. Reading
	Mildred Louise Melanson	18	Clerk	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
October				
11	John J. McNeil Florence J. (Elwood) McGauvran	70	Painter	N. Reading
		75	At Home	N. Reading
11	Francis J. Graham	45	Civil Engineer	Reading
	Constance L. Cabana	30	Clerk	Southbridge
11	Arthur Bernard Callan	29	U. S. Army	Reading
	Marion Louise Burroughs	27	Reg. Nurse	Melrose
12	Robert Michael Cail	20	Gear Cutter	Reading
	Theresa Frances Zaccone	22	Gear Cutter	Stoneham
14	Parker Elbridge Craig	27	Machinist	Abington
	Edythe Harriet Lee	24	Osteopathic Physician	Reading
21	Robert Rivers Everett	23	Engineer	Needham
	Helen Louise Burns	25	Secretary	Reading
22	Milton John Bevis	27	U. S. Navy	Long Island, N. Y.
	Lillian Mary Drew	27	W.A.V.E.	Reading
28	John Robert Anderson	22	Assembler	Wakefield
	Gertrude Emilie Thieme	20	Clerk	Reading
28	Clarence Edmund Meuse	30	Operating Engineer	Reading
	Barbara Louise Jackson	20	Packer	Malden
28	Frederick John Estes	63	Banker	Reading
	Helen Bancroft Parker Bean	50	School Teacher	Reading
29	Vernon Roy Porter	67	Merchant	Brockton
	Gertrude Blanche (Canwell) Hassan	63	At Home	Reading
November				
2	Carlton Perry Adams	21	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Joyce Virginia Clark	18	Office Clerk	Keene, N. H.
2	Edward Burton Keene, Jr.	22	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Ruth Louise Gilpatric	24	W.A.C.	Reading
4	Harold Mansfield Turner	33	Ship Joiner	Reading
	Edna (Bartlett) Lunsford	36	At Home	Atlanta, Ga.
4	Clifford Krotzer	19	U. S. Navy	Gibsonburg, Ohio
	Mildred Charlotte Heselton	16	At Home	Reading
12	Clarence Gilbert Porter	21	U. S. Coast Guard	Northport, L. I.
	Helen Theresa Wheeler	21	Office Girl	N. Reading
13	Frederick Albert Ingalls	27	U. S. Army	Reading
	Helen Marion Pratt	25	Bookkeeper	Reading
22	Joseph Arthur Dingle	68	Shoe Worker	Wakefield
	Adele Mary Doucette	71	At Home	Reading



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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
22	Joseph Bohden Pearsaki	28	Industrial Engineer	Cohasset
	Marguerite Sullivan Brady	30	Musician	Reading
25	James Dean Sargent	40	Maintenance	Reading
	Margaret Helen Ratcliffe	33	Stenographer	Melrose
27	Robert Emmet Fillis	30	Section Hand	Wakefield
	Beatrice Theresa Knight	20	Assembler	Reading
30	Charles Edward Thomas	22	U. S. Coast Guard	Electra, Texas
	Una Marion Abbott	24	Defense Worker	Reading

## December

15	Edward Gazarian	23	U. S. Army	Somerville
	Marilyn Dorothy Edwards	20	Stenographer	Reading
17	Richard F. Higgins	22	U. S. Army	Reading
	Beverly Johnson	21	Bank Clerk	N. Reading
17	George W. Harris	27	U. S. Army	Reading
	Norma E. Rice	28	Supervisor	Boston

## DELAYED MARRIAGES IN OTHER YEARS

### 1941

#### August

11	Robert Smith Harrington	36		Stoneham
	Frances Helen Cogswell	29		Reading

### 1941

#### October

17	Robert Philip Skane	23		Reading
	Doris Gertrude Dunn	18		Reading

### 1942

#### February

21	Bernard Joseph Peters	28		Reading
	Anita Davis	18		Medford

### 1942

#### June

21	William Edmond Craigie	60		Melrose
	Marion Irene Stevens	34		Reading

### 1943

#### August

21	Francis Vincent Geary	36		Reading
	Josephine Elizabeth Touberg	36		Melrose

### 1943

#### October

2	John James Holland	31		Bridgeport, Conn.
	Dorothy Lillian Doucette	22		Reading

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1944

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
January					
8	Mina Wright Ruggles	88	11	15	Pneumonia
9	Lizzie Mason Jaquith	72	4	11	Myocarditis
14	George M. Long	62	0	0	Accident
21	Elizabeth Jannette Raynor	76	3	21	Arteriosclerosis
28	Cornelius Ambrose Canty	88	11	11	Coronary Occlusion
29	Emery Blake Smith	44	3	4	Carcinoma
31	Solomon Champin	91	10	28	Arterio Sclerosis
February					
1	Avamentia E. Emery	77	11	9	Arterio Sclerosis
2	Joseph Cuneo	48	0	0	Refrigeration Gangrene Both Feet
10	Herbert W. Hunt	68	3	14	Carcinoma of Liver
10	Herman C. Bowser	59	3	2	Coronary Occlusion
10	Claudia Michelini	51	2	16	Pulmono Cardiac Failure
11	Charles F. Nickerson	82	3	20	Arterio Sclerosis
11	Jacob B. Truesdale	81	1	5	Gastric Carcinoma
13	Letitia E. Gove (Lowery)	63	11	12	Cerebral Hemorrhage
14	Robert P. Day	0	11	1	Brain Hemorrhage
20	Maude (Kincaid) Bredbury	65	0	0	Cerebral Hemorrhage
20	John A. Roberts	88	9	11	Arterio Sclerosis
21	Arthur A. Damon	86	8	8	Cerebral Hemorrhage
21	Emma W. Pinkham	81	8	3	Arterio Sclerosis
21	Mary Ellen (Cullinane) Bradley	63	5	15	Pulmonary Embolism
25	Frank H. Whitchurch	79	9	15	Cardiac Infarct.
25	Nellie St. Cyr (Broderick)	62	0	0	Rheumatic Fever
25	Bertha I. Coles	64	6	10	Coronary Occlusion
27	Elmer H. Peterson	36	9	—	Hypernephroma
27	William F. Wehrle	66	0	24	Chronic Myocarditis
March					
1	Emily Pagelsen Howard	84	4	14	Acute Broncho- Pneumonia
2	Jennie Philanda Francis	83	10	4	Arterio Sclerosis
2	Walter Osgood Adams	88	8	1	Coronary Occlusion
6	John Campbell	70	10	19	Cerebral Hemorrhage
7	John Reuben Dulong	82	11	27	Cerebral Hemorrhage

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
March					
8	Mary Belle Wescott	79	0	9	Carcinoma of the Pancreas
8	Charles F. Houston	49	2	19	Acute Dilatation of Heart
12	Mary E. Schaeffer	72	0	0	Tumor of Oesophagus
15	Willard B. Nichols	85	8	24	Coronary Thrombosis
22	Owen McKenney	82	8	17	Arterio Sclerosis
26	John E. Chase	70	8	24	Cardiac Infarct
27	Willie R. Blake	77	9	10	Chronic Myocarditis
27	Annie Rose Bloom (Walters)	69	7	27	Coronary Occlusion
30	Walter G. Sargent, Jr.	33	6	18	Cerebral Hemorrhage
31	Dora Kelch	82	2	29	Cerebral Hemorrhage
April					
14	Robert Lee Murphy	2	7	27	Suffocation by Drowning
17	Russell Armstrong Flint	51	6	9	Gunshot Wound Head
18	Burton B. Margeson	77	4	14	Arterio Sclerotic Heart Disease
21	Lewis G. Hudson	67	0	0	Coronary Thrombosis
23	Jeanne M. Foley	17	5	17	Auto Accident
24	Mildred Holsman Bosson	50	1	0	Cerebral Hemorrhage
24	Muriel M. Winchester	64	3	12	Coronary Thrombosis
24	Frank W. Brown	94	10	14	Arterio Sclerotic Heart Disease
28	Nelson A. Copeland	66	2	28	Mesenteric Thrombosis
28	Fred J. Neiss, Sr.	62	1	7	Coronary Thrombosis
May					
7	Elizabeth G. Lincoln (Sheerin	84	5	25	Gastric Hemorrhage
8	Pentz	0	0	3	Broncho Pneumonia
11	Libbie May Smith	64	0	7	Carcinoma of Breast
18	Rose Anne Devaney	80	0	0	Broncho Pneumonia
18	George R. Doucette	64	8	9	Coronary Heart Disease
26	Laura Emroy Hayward	67	1	26	Carcinoma
June					
1	William R. T. Burditt	74	6	26	Coronary Sclerosis
10	Charles J. Carlson	69	11	0	Coronary Heart Disease

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
June					
19	Elmer A. Harris	71	11	27	Apoplexy
21	William John Boyd	48	1	14	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
21	Abbie Frances Turner	85	9	11	Dilation of Heart
22	Ethel M. Gill	49	9	21	Carcinoma of Breast
27	O'Brien	0	5	45	Atelectasis of Lungs
29	George A. Emerson	83	9	9	Chronic Myocarditis
29	Hattie E. Smith	78	8	1	Chronic Myocarditis
July					
8	Mary Josephine Gibbons	83	9	30	Cerebral Hemorrhage
8	Edward L. French	69	1	26	Carcinoma of Rectum
19	Martha Gould Cook	67	0	4	Coronary Thrombosis
22	Michael Joseph Daley	77	1	19	Arterio Sclerotic Heart
25	Minnie M. Dickerson (Marty)	73	5	23	Carcinoma of Pancreas
28	George J. Pattridge	78	6	0	Chronic Nephritis
29	Mary P. Jaeger	84	0	0	Senility
	Peter Ham Anderson	65	0	0	Asphyxiation
August					
3	Elizabeth L. Champion	90	4	15	Arterio Sclerosis
3	Daisy C. Healey	64	10	27	Cerebral Hemorrhage
14	Martin Joseph Halloran, Jr.	70	8	17	Arterio Sclerotic Heart
20	Myrtie M. Smith (Griffin)	60	0	0	Pneumonia
29	Charles Anthony Austin	78	5	0	Cardio-Renal Disease
September					
7	Arthur A. Libby	68	0	0	Bilateral Broncho Pneumonia
11	Mary E. Morse	95	5	24	Arterio Sclerosis
12	Herman T. Goodwin	52	5	25	Accidental Drowning
16	Helen M. Harrison	78	4	14	Broncho Pneumonia
19	Charles H. Roxbee	62	10	27	Valvular Heart Disease
27	Emma C. Larson	71	1	11	Carcinoma Pancreas
28	Annie Rose Melendy	74	9	3	Carcinoma of Bladder
30	Mabel Cecelia Flint	72	11	1	Chronic Arthritis
October					
6	Herbert Eugene McIntire	79	1	22	Coronary Thrombosis
8	Cora Althea Black	63	4	4	Cerebral Hemorrhage

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
October					
10	Elizabeth C. Hubbard (Esterbrook)	76	0	0	Carcinoma of Breast
14	Mable Grace Hyde	59	0	0	Carcinoma of Lung and Liver
18	Philemon P. Carleton	72	3	10	Intestinal Bleeding
18	Andrew Butters	52	11	14	Chronic Myocarditis
20	Baby Boy Putnam 6 hr. 27 min.				Atelectasis
21	Alfred E. DeMerritt	78	6	20	Heart Failure
26	Richard Leroy Parker	1	9	23	Myocardial Failure
26	Harrison Sidelinker	33	0	11	Acute Poliomyelitis
26	Frank Darling	50	11	25	Coronary Occlusion
26	Mary Anna Goodridge	87	3	21	Arterio Sclerosis
27	Emma Copeland (Landgren)	59	5	27	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease

## November

1	Chester Morrison Woolridge	64	0	1	Suicide
3	Ida E. Moody	87	2	19	Inanition
4	Estelle W. Kinsley (Jones)	80	8	20	Diverticulitis of Colon
10	Louise Cushman	75	11	10	Cardiac Failure
10	Rena Darling Parker	53	5	27	Cerebral Hemorrhage
10	Agnes Pergrift Kelch	68	1	7	Carcinoma
11	James Earl Ireland	54	2	29	Coronary Thrombosis
19	Charles E. Cowan	60	4	0	Cerebral Edema
24	Jessie Murray (Cottis)	59	1	26	Cerebral Compression
28	Alice N. Barr	55	2	23	Cerebral Hemorrhage
30	Fred Wilson Morey	70	5	15	Arteriosclerosis

## December

4	Ethel Day Johnson (Averill)	63	3	1	Cerebral Hemorrhage
11	Stelle M. Stockbridge	85	3	20	Cerebral Hemorrhage
15	Edgar B. Sampson	84	8	19	Cerebral Hemorrhage
15	Phillip A. Jenkins	88	0	28	Arteriosclerosis
16	Mary J. Hoyt	72	7	14	Cerebral Hemorrhage
17	Blanche L. Saylor	61	1	18	Cerebral Hemorrhage
23	Fabian J. Olsen	56	4	26	Coronary Occlusion
25	Elizabeth M. Walker	79	3	3	Arteriosclerosis
28	Maurice C. Proctor	53	7	3	Arteriosclerotic and Hypertensial Heart Disease
30	Alvin G. Somes	78	4	20	Lobar Pneumonia

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK ON FEES PAID TO THE TOWN

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Birth Certificates and affidavits .....	\$ 61.75
Death Certificates .....	27.50
Voters Certificates .....	4.50
Bill of Sale .....	1.00
Marriage Licenses and Certificates .....	236.75
Mortgages and Discharges .....	185.90
Postage .....	15.42
Pole Locations .....	42.00
Dog Licenses and Transfers .....	.75
Certificates of Business .....	3.50
Duplicate Dog Tags .....	.70
Gasoline Permits .....	19.00
Extra Deposit on Dog License .....	2.60
Recording Discharge Records .....	1.00
Affidavit .....	.25

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\$ 602.52

Unclassified .....

1.00

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\$ 603.52

### Total

Miscellaneous .....	\$ 603.52
Dog Fees .....	168.20
Fish and Game .....	108.00

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\$ 879.72

### Total Turned in to Treasurer

Miscellaneous .....	\$ 603.52
Fish and Game .....	916.25
Dogs .....	2,056.00

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\$ 3,575.77



### Dogs

4	Kennel @ \$25.00 .....	\$	100.00
1	Kennel @ \$50.00 .....		50.00
462	Male Dogs @ \$2.00 .....		924.00
296	Spayed Females @ \$2.00 .....		592.00
78	Female Dogs @ \$5.00 .....		390.00
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		\$	2,056.00
	County .....	\$	1,887.80
	Town .....		168.20
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		\$	2,056.00
191	Fishing Licenses @ \$2.00 .....	\$	382.00
125	Hunting Licenses @ \$2.00 .....		250.00
65	Sporting Licenses @ \$3.25 .....		211.25
47	Women's and Minors' Licenses @ \$1.25 .....		58.75
1	Minor Trapping Licenses .....		2.25
2	Trapping Licenses @ \$5.25 .....		10.50
22	Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses .....		Free
30	Military and Naval Licenses .....		Free
1	Non Resident 3 days .....		1.50
4	Residence City Old Age .....		Free
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		\$	916.25
	State .....	\$	808.25
	Town Fees .....		108.00
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		\$	916.25

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

The annual report of the Board of Selectmen for the year ending December 31, 1944 is hereby submitted:

At an adjourned meeting held March 9 the Board organized as follows:

Kenneth C. Latham, Chairman  
Charles E. Wilkinson, Secretary  
Herbert K. Miller  
Leon G. Bent, Clerk

The custom of holding regular meetings Monday evenings has been followed with extra meetings when necessary. We have followed the procedure of last year in publishing the doings of the Board in the Chronicle.

During the year as the danger of attack by enemy submarine grew less the covers of street lights were taken off and the streets resumed their normal night appearance.

Civilian Defense has been marking time and while there have been no blackouts the organization stands ready to function if the need arises.

The Board has made several night inspections of the "Odors" coming from Woburn. In the fall, accompanied by the Town Counsel and about 200 citizens, attended a hearing in the State House on the "odor" situation and the State Board found in favor of Reading.

March saw the first election and Town Meeting under the limited form of Town Meeting.

Your Board has attended all the memorial services for those of our boys who have paid the supreme sacrifice and has continued the practice of attending most of the induction groups leaving for the armed services.

Have followed the practice of other years in denying licenses to permit games of chance in the Town.

Have sold several parcels of land that were taken for taxes.

Reports of the various Town Departments under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen appear on other pages and in view of the paper shortage our report is brief.

We appreciate the co-operation and friendly spirit of the other Boards, committees and general public.

CHARLES E. WILKINSON, Secretary

## REPORT OF TERCENTENARY COMMITTEE

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Board of Selectmen,  
Reading, Massachusetts.  
Gentlemen:—

In making the final report of the Tercentenary Committee of activities in connection with the observance of the 300th anniversary of our town we may refer to the Town Accountant's report for the financial aspect.

It seems advisable to us however to emphasize the fact that of \$1,200 allowed the committee, the report shows \$398.86 unexpended. Actually a small amount of additional money has since been turned over to the town, making the balance over \$400.00.

A part of the committee's duty was sponsorship of "Vignettes of Reading," a book edited and prepared by a special group headed by Victor Pitkin. It was impossible to prepare and print this volume in time for the observance, therefore the funds of the committee were used in paying \$351.30 of the cost. Receipts from sales of the book up to December 31, 1944 were used to help pay the cost, the committee paid the balance. Further sales will bring additional cash to the town.

Analysis of other expenses shows the diversity of events planned and carried out by your committee in part. Two very special events cost us nothing namely, the excellent play put on by the Quannapowitt Players and Old Timers Night under the leadership of Otis Ruggles. Other parts of the program for which money was spent included, the the exercises on Memorial Day at Memorial Park, the concert given under the direction of Mr. Peck, the antiques and arts and crafts exhibit in Security and Enterprise Halls and the afternoon program for boys and girls. \$310.50 was spent for all of these.

In addition it was considered advisable to have good photographs made of various parts of the program and there were general expenses, not large in amount.

None of the events could have been carried on without whole hearted cooperation on the part of various town organizations, merchants and other citizens. We had that cooperation and we believe that the observance was good but not grand, a situation which is entirely fitting in view of the very serious world wide trouble existent in 1944.

EDWARD F. PARKER, Chairman.

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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The War is now entering its final stage and with the approach of peace all agencies of the community are busy preparing plans for demobilization and peace-time expansion. It is recognized by all departments of the Town that Reading is going to grow, and possibly grow rapidly in the years immediately following the War. The Library is abreast of all other departments in its plans to meet this situation and is prepared to expand its services to meet the requirements of a peace-time world.

The past year has seen a continuation of the efficient and valuable services of the Library staff. Fortunate indeed is the community to have a veteran staff servicing the Library. The rooms are crowded, and the shelf-room has been utilized to the fullest possible extent. The War has increased the demands on staff members for there is a serious shortage of trained personnel which can be drawn upon in time of emergency. The circulation of books has not dropped materially, but instead, it has increased in some departments. Books on the war and the peace, on Asia and the Pacific areas, on personalities in the news are in constant demand. The children's library is perhaps the busiest, and in many respects, the most serviceable department in the Library. Under the excellent guidance of Miss Rebecca Turner the children of our community receive a great deal of help in the development of good, wholesome reading habits. It is impossible to measure the service for good which is done in the awakening of a child's love for good books.

To meet the needs of expanding services in a post-war community the Library Trustees have given careful study to the situation as affecting the Library. A committee under the chairmanship of Mr. William J. Tonks has prepared a report on plans for extending the library plant to include an addition of a much needed stack-room. These plans have met with the general approval of the Planning Board and the Capital Budgeting Committee. Extracts from this report are as follows:

"Our library, which serves the people of Reading, has been operating under very congested conditions . . . The library has now reached a point where it is now impossible to add additional storage or reading-room facilities, until we can erect a stack room building . . .

The present library houses approximately 26,000 books. To meet expected community expansion it is necessary to plan for a library housing about 42,000 books . . . A three-story stack-room, open to the public, and added to the present building would cost approximately \$51,000 . . .

A sum not greater than \$2000 is needed immediately in order to draw up architectural and engineering plans . . .

The budget of the Library is small; the cost per capital is negligible; yet the return in services rendered to the whole community — men, women, and children alike is tremendous. The endowment of the Library is small indeed as compared with other libraries in the neighboring towns, and the capital outlay on this piece of town property over the years has been nothing at all.

If the Public Library's capacity to serve is increased it is assured by the past history of this institution that the community will benefit far greater proportionately than its investment would indicate. It is time to take into account in post-war planning a community investment in which every man, woman and child receives a rich dividend. Perhaps it would be well to keep in mind the words of "Uncle Dudley" (Boston Globe, Feb. 17, 1945).

"The battle of life is lost and won in strange places. Two of those places are silence and solitude. And how often, how exhilaratingly often, that battle is won in the solitude and silence of a great book which has fallen into the hands of a child or of an adolescent at precisely the right moment."

The Public Library stands ready to serve this community in the expanding program of peace.

Respectfully submitted,

A. IMRIE DIXON, Chairman  
KATHERINE C. PIERCE, Secretary  
C. NELSON BISHOP  
CHRISTIE W. FOWLE  
SYDNEY M. HODSON  
WILLIAM J. TONKS

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## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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To the Trustees of the Reading Public Library:

According to the American Library Association report on WHAT AMERICA WAS READING IN 1944, "The steady drop in circulation of books has been halted; the bottom of the curve was reached in 1943, and librarians can now expect a period of steadily rising demands for home reading." That has been the case here in Reading; our circulation began rising the first of the year of 1944 and has been increasing every month since.

The demand for technical books for war workers has almost entirely ceased; instead the call is for engineering books of all kinds; electronics, refrigeration, radio, etc.

Miss Turner reports that the demand for books for the younger children, particularly for the first four grades, continues to grow steadily. There has always been a sharp drop in the number of books taken by boys and girls of Junior High age. That is still a very noticeable fact.

The Library has deposits of books in three schools. There seems to be a definite need for such deposits in most of the schools but the transportation of them is difficult to arrange at present.

There have been many fine books published within the year for small children. It is difficult to find good present day stories for the older children. The great demand for war books especially airplane stories, has subsided. War time books are not wearing well and the initial costs of them have risen; therefore these books have proven quite expensive to use.

The following books have been presented to the Library during the year, for which we are very grateful:

Goodrich	Winslow Homer
Audubon	Bird Book
Ewen	Music for the millions
Menke	Encyclopedia of sports
Cox	Potters and Pottery 2 vols.
Smith and Stern	Speaking of Jane Austen

The Reading Consumer's Co-operative Society has also given us three books.

The box near the door is being constantly refilled with books for the service-men and Mrs. Herbert Towle and Miss Helen Bancroft have been kind enough to take them in to the headquarters in Boston for us.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE J. ABBOTT,  
Librarian.

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### Public Library Expense Account

#### Salaries:

Appropriation	\$6,346.20	
Librarian	.....	\$ 1,874.25
Assistants	.....	3,562.31
Janitor	.....	902.95
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		\$ 6,339.51



Maintenance \$3,300.00

Fuel, light, water, sewer .....	\$	502.83
Telephone .....		48.24
Printing and supplies .....		210.98
Maintenance and repairs .....		174.01
Books and periodicals .....		2,092.47
Binding .....		236.06
Miscellaneous .....		25.22

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\$ 3,289.81

Balance unexpended and returned to revenue

On Salaries .....	\$	6.69
On Maintenance .....		10.09

**Receipts**

Fines collected .....	\$	698.27
Fees from Out-of-Town Borrowers .....		14.00
2 Lost books, paid .....		2.00

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\$ 714.27

Paid to Town Treasurer .....		714.27
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Balance December 31, 1944 .....	\$	00.00
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**Circulation Report**

Vol. in Library December 31, 1943 ..... 26,288

Volumes bought:

Adult fiction .....	302
Adult non-fiction .....	415

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Juvenile fiction .....	249
Juvenile non-fiction .....	105

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354

Reference Books .....	5
Received by gift .....	80

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1156 1,156

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27,444

Withdrawn during year ..... 1,034

Total no. vol. December 31, 1944 ..... 26,410

Circulation

Adult .....	70,385	
Juvenile .....	24,753	
Total circulation in 1944 .....		95,138
Total circulation in 1943 .....		87,058
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Gain in 1944 .....		8,080
New Borrowers registered		
Adult .....	378	
Juvenile .....	223	
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Total new borrowers .....		601
No. days Library open .....		300
Average daily circulation :		
Adult .....		234.61
Juvenile .....		61.64
Borrowed from other libraries .....		20
Loaned to other libraries .....		33

### REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The efforts of the board have been devoted to many town problems during the past year. Messrs. Berry and White have served as the appointees of the board on the Capital Expenditures Budgeting Committee, the former as chairman. Mr. Pease has served as the representative of the board, and as chairman, of the Post-War Planning Committee.

The board has continued its policy of being represented at public hearings and its members have attended various conferences on post-war planning and municipal development.

Extensive studies have been made relative to prospective school sites. At the request of the Selectmen the Planning Board drew up the outline and conducted the research work for establishing precincts as required by the enabling act authorizing the representative form of town government.

Various matters have been referred to the board for study including proposed sales of town owned property. Considerable attention has been given to the details of the proposed relocation of the boundary between the towns of Reading and Lynnfield.

Contacts have been maintained with many town planning boards, the State Planning Board and other State departments which have proved of immense value to the work of the board.

Respectfully submitted,

A. LLOYD DAVID, Chairman  
 GEORGE B. PEASE, Secretary  
 WALTER D. BERRY  
 WINTHROP D. PARKER  
 PHILIP R. WHITE

## REPORT OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AGENT

February 12, 1945

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Reading, Massachusetts  
Gentlemen

Your Soldiers' Relief Agent respectfully submits his annual report.

During the year of 1944 we have assisted 52 cases, comprising in all 119 persons. The employment conditions being very favorable have helped keep our load down. Our financial outlay does not represent the work of this department, we have assisted all types and forms of work relating to Veterans and their dependents, and have taken great pleasure in assisting our townspeople in their troubles and business with the Federal Government. Our new office has greatly facilitated this work and we are equipped to give the greatest service to those seeking Veterans' Benefits for themselves or their dependents.

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES W. H. SMITH,  
Agent

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## REPORT OF THE WELFARE BOARD

In the interest of conservation of paper and man-power we continue our policy of brevity in our report for 1944.

The town has again been fortunate in having a low case load, both in General Relief and Old Age Assistance, with the result that the total net cost to the town has been gratifyingly low.

Past experience has taught us that prophecy as to what our expense for 1945 may be is very difficult, but we are hoping for the best and our budget for the current year is practically the same as for 1944, in spite of the fact that proposed changes in the Old Age Assistance Act may increase costs considerably.

For further details on this and other phases of our activities we refer you to the condensed report of the Welfare Agent below, and to the report of the Town Accountant showing departmental expenditures and receipts.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH D. KNIGHT, Chairman  
MILES C. HIGGINS, Secretary  
CLARENCE J. STALLIDAY  
Board of Public Welfare.

## REPORT OF WELFARE AGENT

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To the Board of Public Welfare :

The following report, condensed in accordance with the request of Selectmen, is submitted for 1944.

### GENERAL AID

Under this classification 134 persons, in all, were aided during the past year. The cases were divided as follows; single persons, 33, these being for the most part cases of unemployable persons requiring continuous board and care; families, 12, with 62 persons, chiefly intermittent emergency assistance; Massachusetts Hospital School, 1 case for which the town receives full reimbursement; Division of Child Guardianship, 1 case; Massachusetts Hospital at Pondville, 1 case; State Hospital and Infirmary at Tewksbury, 5 cases. There were also 4 single cases and 6 family cases, with 31 persons, requiring payments by us to other cities and towns.

Conditions have continued favorable so that any able-bodied person has been able to find employment at supporting wages and this has resulted in a General Aid expenditure even slightly less than the low figure reached during 1943.

### AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

The good employment situation, together with certain allotments made by young men in military service to their families, have worked to a financial advantage during 1944. The cost per case has increased because it follows closely the general rise in prices for the necessities of life. The over-all case load, however, decreased more than enough to offset this so that our total expenditure for this category was somewhat less than for the previous year.

### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

The number of persons furnished Old Age Assistance during 1944 was 263, but the case load by months has averaged only slightly over 234. Furthermore, the load has remained more nearly static than for any year during the past decade, with a high of 238 in May and a low of 230 in December. The annual case cost has risen some sixty dollars because of the mandatory budget clause written into the statute enacted in September, 1943, this being noted in our report for that year as a factor throughout the entire year of 1944. The incoming cases have just about equalized the number closed by death or removal from town, this process having been so regular that our monthly expenditure for Old Age As-

sistance, which averages a little over \$9,500.00, has varied but little from month to month.

It is evident that employment conditions reflect favorably here also, chiefly through the better ability of children to contribute towards the support of parents. In three instances men on Old Age Assistance have secured work within their limited physical capabilities and have remained self-supporting since.

The incoming state legislature has before it the report of two years' work by a legislative recess commission appointed for a thorough study of Old Age Assistance. This report contains recommendations which, if adopted by legislation, will increase Old Age Assistance expenditures throughout the state very considerably. No prophecy is of any value at this writing, it being safe only to say that the trend is toward expansion and greater expenditure in this category with reference to cost per case.

#### ADMINISTRATION

We have been fortunate in retaining the services of our experienced administrative employees against the powerful inducement of much higher salaries available in other lines of related work. Many Massachusetts cities and towns have suffered from this competition and have been unable to hold in public welfare work social workers and clerical personnel of proper experience and ability, thus placing in jeopardy the financial interests of their respective communities.

This situation has recently been recognized by the Massachusetts Welfare Compensation Board, in connection with the Civil Service Division, through the issuance of a revised schedule, giving a clearer definition of the various positions in public welfare organization and allowing greater latitude as to salaries.

Our own administrative force has given its good attention to the proper use of the funds and services provided for the relief of the needy and distressed and I am satisfied that through their efficient work the interests of the Town of Reading have been well protected. The fact that the operation of a relief program requiring the expenditure of some \$142,600.00 also results in reimbursement to the town of approximately \$110,000 speaks for itself.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD E. HARNDEN,  
Welfare Agent,  
Director of O.A.A.

## REPORT OF PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health,  
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1944.

Number of permits granted .....	42
Number of Fixtures installed .....	83
Bath Tubs .....	12
Closets .....	28
Wash Bowls .....	14
Sinks .....	10
Trays .....	6
Boilers .....	6
Urinals .....	3
Sewer connections .....	4

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID TAGGART,

Inspector of Plumbing

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR 1944

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

The Cemetery Trustees submit their annual report as follows:

The Board organized for the year by electing Clarence C. White as Chairman and Fred L. Nutter as Secretary. William P. Pierpont was reappointed Superintendent.

The appropriation for the year was \$10,100.00 for maintenance of Laurel Hill and Forest Glen Cemeteries. \$1000.00 was transferred from the Cemetery Reserve Fund to assist in carrying on the work of the Department. The maintenance of the Cemeteries has been carefully supervised by the Trustees, with a view to keeping within these appropriations, but because of extraordinary conditions, the Board was obliged to ask for a small additional amount from the Town Reserve Fund to complete the necessary work.

The Report of the Superintendent, approved by the Trustees and appended hereto, covers fully the work carried on during the year. The Trustees feel that the excellent condition of both Cemeteries reflect the efficient management of the Superintendent and the loyalty and faithfulness of his assistants, notwithstanding War time difficulties.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE C. WHITE, Chairman

FRED L. NUTTER, Secretary

FRANK LEE EDGERLEY

JAMES W. FAIRCHILD

HARRY C. BARR

ROMEO M. MICHELINI

Board of Cemetery Trustees



## LAUREL HILL AND FOREST GLEN CEMETERIES

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### Report for 1944

To the Board of Cemetery Trustees,  
Town of Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen :

I herewith submit my seventeenth annual report of Laurel Hill and Forest Glen Cemeteries ending December 31, 1944.

The regular maintenance work in the Cemeteries has been kept up during the year. It was difficult to acquire extra help, but three High School boys were employed part of the season. During the month of May the employees worked Saturday afternoons and Sundays to get the Cemeteries in readiness for Memorial Day.

In Laurel Hill 6,410 square yards of avenues were resurfaced. Pine, Circle, Cross, Maple and parts of Laurel and Oak Avenues had a penetration of asphalt with a pea stone covering. The Tool House was reshingled this year. The high wind and heavy rain of the hurricane, September 14th, caused many large limbs to be broken and one elm tree had to be cut down.

There were eighty-one interments in Laurel Hill Cemetery during the year. One hundred and eight sunken graves were repaired and forty winter graves were graded and seeded this spring. Nine lots were re-loamed and seeded and seven monument and twenty-six marker foundations were built. Three lots, three adult graves and three baby graves were sold this year and two graves were used by the Welfare Department. Ten old lots, six adult graves and one baby grave were placed under perpetual care. One lot had an additional amount added for flowers for Memorial Day. Taking into consideration the number of sunken graves and the reduced income from the funds received for the perpetual care of lots, we were compelled to discontinue the use of wooden boxes for interments and in place of them are requiring concrete crypts or cement vaults, which will eliminate sunken graves in future years.

There were nineteen interments in Forest Glen Cemetery this year. Nine sunken graves were repaired and seven monument and two marker foundations built. Nineteen lots and two single graves were sold. This shows an increase of eight lots and one grave over last year. It is expected that the development project, started by the W.P.A. at the southern portion of Forest Glen Cemetery, will be completed after the War.

I recommend resurfacing Bow, Walnut, Elm and part of Oak and Laurel Avenues in Laurel Hill Cemetery next year. This will complete the work started this year.

The financial statement will appear in the report of the Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM P. PIERPONT,  
Superintendent

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## REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF SOLDIERS' and SAILORS' GRAVES

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Reading, Mass., Jan. 1, 1945

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Reading, Massachusetts.

I respectfully submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1944 as Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailors' graves.

There were 13 graves and 2 lots repaired and stones were reset on one lot in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Appropriation .....	\$600.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	55.90	
Repairs on Veterans' Lots .....	174.70	
Pay Roll .....	\$481.20	
	\$655.90	\$655.90

Two veterans passed away during the year.

Russell H. Flint, 51 years. Lot No. 1159, Laurel Hill Cemetery,  
died April 17, 1944, buried April 19, 1944.

Elmer R. Lowell, 57 years. Lot No. 576, Laurel Hill Cemetery,  
died November 16, 1944, buried November 19, 1944.

They were both World War 1 veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY A. TURNER,  
Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves,  
Town of Reading

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEAL FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1944**

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The Board of Appeal held three hearings, during the year 1944, two coming under the Building Laws of the Town of Reading, which were granted, and one coming under the Zoning By-laws of the town, which was denied.

In September Mr. Fred L. Nutter resigned from the Board and Mr. Herbert T. Schoppelry was appointed on October 9 to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Nutter's resignation. On October 9 Mr. Benjamin B. Piper resigned from the Board, and on December 4, Mr. Robert L. Dean was appointed to fill this vacancy.

On December 11, a meeting of the Board was held at which the following were elected officers for the remainder of 1944, and the year 1945: Mr. Clifton S. Nichols, Chairman; Mr. Herbert T. Schoppelry, Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON S. NICHOLS  
HERBERT T. SCHOPPELRY, Secretary  
ROBERT L. DEAN

Board of Appeal

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## **REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN**

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Gentlemen:

The department has responded to 136 grass and brush fires in 1944. This in 1944. This is a decrease of 113 from 1943.

Improper incinerators and maliciousness continue to be the principal causes of these fires.

Respectfully submitted,

CHIEF HUGH L. EAMES,  
Forest Warden

## REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Reading, Massachusetts

Gentlemen :

I hereby submit the annual report of the Police Department of the Town of Reading for the year ending December 31, 1944.

### Arrests for the Year 1944

Males, 201; Females 7; Adults, 187; Minors, 21; Residents 84; Non-Residents, 124; American Born, 183; Foreign Born, 25; Total Number of Arrests, 208.

### Causes of Arrests

Drunkenness, 65; Assault and Battery, 6; Non-Support, 8; Larceny, 6; Breaking and Entering, 3; Delinquent Children, 5; Capias, 5; Run-aways, 2; Out of Town Warrants, 4; Operating Under Influence of Liquor, 9; Driving After Revocation of License, 1; Driving So As To Endanger, 1; Leaving Scene of Accident, 2; Automobile Violations, 80; A.W.O.L., 3; Deserter, 1; Warrants, 3; Lottery Tickets, 1; Common Railer and Brawler, 1.

### Disposition of Cases in Courts

Fines, 91; Turned Over to Out-of-town Officers, 9; House of Correction, 11; House of Correction, suspended, 8; Concorded Reformatory, 2; Worcester State Hospital, 2; Tewksbury State Hospital, 1; Munson State Hospital, 1; Shirley School, 1; Lyman School, 1; Held for Grand Jury, 1; Dismissed, 7; Turned Over to Army, 3; Turned Over to Navy, 1; Not Guilty, 3; Released, 49; On File, 12; Probation, 5.

### Amounts of Fines Imposed by Courts

11 Fines, \$5.00; 15 Fines, \$10.00; 45 Fines, \$15.00; 5 Fines, \$20.00; 3 Fines, \$25.00; 9 Fines, \$50.00; 1 Fine, \$75.00; 2 Fines, \$100.00. Total Fines, \$1780.00; from this total the Town received \$1374.50.

### Value of Properties Stolen and Recovered

Value of Property Reported as Stolen in Reading .....	\$4339.40
Value of Property Recovered in Reading .....	4075.00
Value of Property Recovered for Out-of-town Departments ...	4850.00
Total Value of Property Recovered in Year 1944 .....	\$8925.00

### Miscellaneous Services Rendered by the Police Department

A wide variety of incidental services which occupy much of the Department's time and attention is summarized as follows:

Transients put up, 21; Buildings found open, 10; Windows found open, 23; Doors found open and unlocked, 167; Summonses delivered, 139; Dead bodies cared for, 4; Drowning accidents, 1; Wires reported down, 10; Broken poles, 5; Convoys escorted, 3; Lights reported out, 22;

Persons taken to their homes, 8; Assistance given sick persons, 30; Property found outside and brought to Station, 12; Family trouble investigated, 54; Teletype messages sent for out-of-Town Departments, 9; Fire Department called, 18; Strayed and injured dogs cared for, 21; Bicycles reported stolen, 24; Bicycles recovered, 22; Vacant houses of people away inspected, 96; Miscellaneous cases investigated, 58; Messages delivered, 149; Persons reported missing, 14; 13 persons reported missing returned to their homes; Water mains reported broken, 4; Complaints investigated, 135; Alert tests received, 26; Highway Department notified of defective sidewalks, 11; Malden & Melrose Gas Co. notified of low pressure, 3; Trips to Laurel Hill Cemetery to stop coasting, 5; Lights found burning in buildings, 9; Night light over vault in Reading National Bank found out, 2; Bell sounded from First National Bank, 1; Lights reported not working at Willow Street Crossing, 2; Covered all fires.

#### **Automobile Accidents**

Total number of Automobile accidents for year 1944, 147; Accidents involving property damage, 120; Accidents involving personal injury, 60; Accidents involving persons taken to Doctors, 26; Accidents involving persons taken to Hospitals, 3; Fatal accidents, 1. 22 dogs struck or killed by automobiles.

#### **Mileage on Automobile Units**

Studebaker, Cruiser number one travelled 34,523 miles; Plymouth, Cruiser number two travelled 24,442 miles; Packard, Chief's car, travelled 3950 miles; Dodge Ambulance has travelled 2557 miles, making a total mileage of all units for 1944, 65,477 miles.

#### **Police Ambulance Records**

During the year 1944 the Police made the following trips with the Ambulance:

Winchester Hospital, 54; Mass. General Hospital, 9; Eye and Ear Infirmary, 3; New England Sanitarium, 6; Carney Hospital, 2; Town Limits, 18; Choate Memorial Hospital, 7; St. Johns Hospital, 12; Tewksbury State Hospital, 4; Boston City Hospital, 2; Soldiers' Home, Chelsea, 2; Mass. Memorial Hospital, 5; Malden Hospital, 1; Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, 2; North Andover Convalescent Home, 2; Beth Israel Hospital, 2; Mass. Osteopathic Hospital, 1; Deaconness Hospital, 1; New England Hospital, 1; Lakeville Hospital, 1; Brookline Hospital, 1; New England Baptist Hospital; 1. Total trips made by the Ambulance for 1944, 136. Received in payment for use of Ambulance and turned over to Town Treasurer for 1944, \$499.25.

#### **Auxiliary Police**

On several occasions during the year I have called out the Auxiliary Police for duty. They have given this Department able assistance, and I take this opportunity to thank all the members who rendered service.

### Recommendation

I recommend that the Town purchase a new cruising car due to the fact that the Studebaker has gone over 50,000 miles, is too light a car for police work, and quite a sum of money will have to be spent to keep it on the road for 1945.

Officer Patrick J. Long, appointed a Regular Officer Nov. 1, 1920, has been retired due to sickness. Officer Long is a Veteran of two wars. William R. Florence, with the approval of the Civil Service Commission, has been appointed a Patrolman for the duration.

### Conclusion

At this time I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, the Judges of the Superior and District Courts, the Clerks of our Courts, our local press and all others who have assisted in promoting the welfare of this Department, also to all the members of this Department for their work during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

JEREMIAH CULLINANE,  
Chief of Police,  
Reading, Mass.  
January 30, 1945

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## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

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To the Citizens of Reading:

There were three hundred sixty-one contagious diseases reported during the year 1944.

Chicken Pox .....	38
Anterior Poliomyelitis .....	4
Dog Bite .....	11
Lobar Pneumonia .....	1
Measles .....	266
Meningitis .....	1
Scarlet Fever .....	12
Septic Sore Throat .....	1
Tuberculosis .....	4
Whooping Cough .....	23

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Respectfully submitted,

E. M. HALLIGAN, M.D.  
C. R. BAISLEY, M.D.  
C. F. ATKINSON

Board of Health



## NINTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Gentlemen:

The report of the Reading Fire Department for the year of 1944 is hereby submitted.

### **Manual Force**

Nine permanent men including the chief. The call force is still depleted due to the war and a dangerous condition exists. During the year one call man has died, another is on leave of absence for the duration. Captain William H. Gay and Lieutenant Frank Heselton, call members of Engine 2, have requested retirement effective December 31st. Both have given faithful service for many years. The call force now consists of 10 full time men and 15 half time men.

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### **IN MEMORIAM**

**ANDREW B. BUTTERS**

**Call Man**

**1927      —      1944**

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### **Apparatus**

At the Central Station: 1937 Packard Chief's car; Engine 1, a 1,000 gal. per min. Seagrave pumping engine purchased in 1934; Engine 3, 600 gal. Seagrave engine purchased in 1929; Engine 4, a 1938 Chevrolet purchased in 1932—is a forest fire truck equipped with a 100 gal. portable pump and a 500 gal. front end pump; Ladder 1, a 65-ft. Seagrave junior ladder truck with a 200 gal. pump.

At the Woburn Street station: Engine 2, a 400 gal. Seagrave engine purchased in 1926 and Engine 5, a 1938 Chevrolet with a 400 gal. front end pump. This engine is assigned to the Auxiliary Fire Service.

The fire alarm truck has a 250 gal. front end pump and the U. S. Government has loaned some fire fighting equipment.

### **Auxiliary Fire Service**

The members of the Auxiliary Fire Service have kept up their interest and continue to maintain a night watch at the Engine 2 station.

### **Training**

Deputy Chief O'Brien has efficiently continued the training of the personnel.

### **Service Record**

The department has responded to 94 bell, 23 still, 154 telephone alarms and 92 service calls, a total of 363, which is 78 less than in 1943. The fire loss is \$24,992.64, a decrease of \$2,534.10 from 1943. Feet of hose laid: 2½ in. 15,900; 1½ in. 16,150; 1 in. 1,500; ¾ in. 16,100. Feet of ladder raised 2,370, including 23 times the aerial ladder has been extended. 18 waterproof covers were spread. There was one call for the inhalator and one for oxygen. Extinguishers used: 7 soda-acid; 2 carbon-tetrachloride; 23 carbon-dioxide. Booster tanks were used 146 times. Engines have pumped 32¼ hours, cellar pump 29½ hours. Lighting generator used 18¾ hours.

### **Recommendations**

As a very serious condition exists due to the manpower shortage, it is recommended that the department force be increased at once. Some new hose is necessary, both 2½ and 1½ inch.

### **Conclusion**

In conclusion I wish to thank your Honorable Board for their co-operation; the members of the department and the Auxiliary Fire Service for the faithful performance of their duties; the employees of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for the manner in which they have assisted in the transmission of emergency calls to and from this department; to other town departments and the citizens who have been of assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

CHIEF HUGH L. EAMES

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## **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM**

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Gentlemen:

Only necessary maintenance work and repairs after the hurricane of September 14th were carried on during 1944 with the exception of some work on the underground cables including the drawing in of cable at the corner of Woburn Street and Summer Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

CHIEF HUGH L. EAMES,  
Superintendent of Fire Alarm

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the eighth annual report of the Wire Inspection Department.

Oil Burners .....	8	Refrigerators .....	4
Ranges .....	7	Roasters .....	1
Motors .....	14	Switches .....	13
Receptacles .....	63	Bell Transformers .....	8
Lights .....	23	Ventilators .....	2
Fluorescent Lights .....	15	Wiring and Repairs .....	44
Stack Control .....	3	Fixtures .....	6
Regulators .....	8	Meter Board Rearrangement.	9
Hot Water Heaters .....	2		

I take this opportunity to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen for their co-operation during the year, and any and all others who have assisted in the proper administration of this office during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. TREVOR,  
Inspector of Wires

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## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

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January 13, 1945

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Reading, Massachusetts  
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year January 1, 1944 to January 1, 1945.

Thirty-one dogs were quarantined for inflicting personal injuries, and the same number released after the period of quarantine expired.

Two heads of cattle, previously quarantined in 1943, were released following proper cleaning and disinfecting the premises in which the animals were located.

Respectfully submitted,

GARDINER A. LESTER, D.V.M.  
Inspector of Animals

## REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

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To the Law Committee of the Town of Reading:

I submit my report as Town Counsel for the year 1944 as follows:

Tax foreclosure proceedings relating to seven cases commenced in the Land Court during 1943, were disposed of during the current year and eight cases foreclosing the title under the statute of low value were disposed of by sale. Six foreclosure cases have been filed in the Land Court this year and are still pending and action has been commenced affecting the foreclosure of twelve parcels of land under the statute of low value. Title to real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes is being registered in the Land Court so that the premises can be sold by the Town.

The decision of the Board of Selectmen with respect to the disposition of a dog was affirmed after hearing by the Woburn Court upon appeal by the owner of the dog. Claim for compensation for Town employee was prosecuted before the Industrial Accident Board in behalf of Contributory Retirement Board.

Contracts for installation of heating systems in the Lowell Street and Highland schools were drafted and also for remodeling doors at Central Fire Station.

Several claims of various nature have been made against the Town, but none have been made the subject of suit. There are still pending in the Courts five suits against the Town.

Negotiations have been carried on with the Attorneys for the Estate of George H. Grouard relative to the termination of the trust provided for in his will whereby the Town is to benefit by approximately \$75,000.00 to aid in establishing a hospital and it is expected that the Town will receive the corpus of the trust in the immediate future.

Three cases pending before the Appellate Tax Board involving substantial assessments of real estate have required my services.

As provided by the regulations of the Town, I have performed every professional act required by me in the performance of the duties of my office, including in part, appearances in Court and hearings before boards or commissions, prosecuted claims in behalf of the Town and for all violations of Town by-laws, opinions to all Town Boards, investigation of claims against the Town, drafting release deeds, act for Legislature and other legal documents necessary in connection with municipal activities, by-laws, articles and motions for Town Meetings, Traffic and other rules and regulations, licenses, permits, proceedings before Probate Court relating to Board of Public Welfare and such other legal matters assigned to me for attention.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. DAVIS, Town Counsel

## REPORT OF MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Reading, Massachusetts  
Gentlemen:

I submit my report as Moth Superintendent for the year 1944.

The Gypsy Moth and Elm Leaf Beetle infestation remain about the same as last year.

Thanks to the school authorities we were again able to employ High School boys during the spraying season.

The spraying on private property increased more than twenty-five per cent above 1943. If this private work continues to increase it will be necessary to purchase another spraying machine.

I take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town Accountant, the School Authorities, and all others who have assisted me in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE H. DONEGAN,  
Moth Superintendent

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## REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

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To the Citizens of Reading:

I submit my report as Tree Warden for the year 1944.

There was a slight increase in the amount of dormant spraying over 1943.

The department planted one hundred and sixty trees on the roadside.

The hurricane of September 14th uprooted four trees on the roadside. Seven others were so badly damaged it was necessary to remove them. We have removed broken branches from, and repaired several hundred trees, there still remains a great deal of this work to be done. Due to the large amount of work required on the street trees and the shortage of help, we have been unable to keep up with the requests for work on private property.

The power saw purchased by the town after the hurricane is of great assistance in speeding up the work and in saving labor.

I wish to thank the Employees of this Department, the Board of Public Works, the Police Department, the Electric Light Department and all others who have assisted me in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE H. DONEGAN,  
Tree Warden

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

For the Year 1944

### Valuation of Taxable Property

Buildings, exclusive of land .....		\$13,315,270.00
Land, exclusive of buildings .....		3,473,655.00
Personal Estate .....		767,710.00
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Total Taxable Valuation .....		\$17,556,635.00
Amount appropriated for Town Purposes .....	\$824,512.15	
Amount of overlay deficits .....	468.89	
Amount to be paid for State and County Taxes .....	77,312.71	
Amount of Overlay .....	23,420.54	
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		\$925,714.29
Less Estimated Receipts .....	\$268,166.59	
Excise Tax .....	17,000.00	
Available Funds .....	18,069.10	\$303,235.69
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Net Amount to be raised on Polls and Property .....		\$622,478.60

Tax Rate 1944—\$35.00 per M.



### Recapitulation

Real Estate Tax .....	\$587,620.02
Personal Tax .....	26,870.58
Poll Tax .....	7,988.00
Excise Tax .....	13,168.29
Moth Assessment .....	728.95
Sidewalks and Curbing .....	1,313.67
House Connections .....	184.31
Sewer .....	406.96
Highway .....	2,386.89
Plowing .....	95.75
Water Lien .....	243.50
Additional Polls .....	88.00
December Commitment .....	129.16
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	\$641,224.08

### Valuation Comparison

	1943	1944	Inc.	Dec.
Valuation of Buildings ....	\$13,380,030	\$13,316,220		\$ 63,810
Valuation of Land .....	3,471,950	3,475,455	\$ 3,505	
Valuation of Personal Prop.	744,064	768,650	24,586	
Valuation of Town Prop...	1,504,000	1,495,510		8,490
Valuation of Exempted Prop.	609,560	609,360		200
Valuation of Excise Tax ...	520,735	383,610		137,125
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Total Town Valuation ..	\$20,230,339	\$20,048,805	\$ 28,091	\$ 209,625
Net Change in Valuation ..				\$ 181,534

HAROLD B. CURRELL,  
FRANK E. GRAY,  
ARTHUR S. COOK,

Board of Assessors

## REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen :

I hereby submit the building report for the year 1944:

The restrictions on building have been more exacting this year than last.

The W.P.B. has been constantly warning all building inspectors not to issue permits for any construction work in excess of two hundred dollars unless a priority was granted by them. This has curtailed building considerably here in Reading, as we are not in what is known as a war production area.

However, here are the results of permits as issued with the estimated cost of same.

1	New dwelling .....	\$ 4500.00
5	New Garages .....	1195.00
25	Alterations and additions to all types of buildings .....	9340.00
4	Hen Houses .....	268.00
35	Permits	
	Total estimated cost of all building construction .....	\$15,303.00

The sum of Thirty-seven dollars (\$37.00) was received in fees for the above building permits.

There have been quite a number of complaints for violation of the zoning laws.

I have investigated each and every case, and all were, I believe settled in a satisfactory manner.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. SIDEBOTTOM,  
Building Inspector

**FIFTIETH ANNUAL REPORT**

**of the**

**MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD**

**for the year ended**

**December 31, 1944**

## MANAGER'S REPORT

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To the Municipal Light Board:  
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of the operation of the Municipal Light Plant for the year ending December 31, 1944.

We purchased 13,499,176 kilowatt hours, an increase of about 7½ per cent over the previous year, for which we paid \$165,098.89, an average cost per kilowatt hour of 1,2229 cents. Last year's cost was 1.2417 cents. The kilowatt hours sold amounted to 12,103,387 of which 471,012 were sent out on the Reading street light circuits. 67,612 kilowatt hours were used by the plant and distribution losses accounted for 1,328,052 kilowatt hours, or a loss of 9.8 per cent.

The maximum load at the plant was 3,900 KW., an increase of 300 over the previous year. There was an increase of 7.8 per cent in the kilowatt hours sold for residence use and 10.9 per cent for commercial use. Total kilowatt hours sold increased about 7 per cent. The kilowatt hours sold per residence meter were 1219, an increase of 78 over 1943.

Revenue from the sale of current was \$408,556.33, and from other sources \$1,763.38, making the total revenue \$410,319.71.

Operating expenses including taxes, interest, and other expenses amounted to \$336,853.51, leaving a credit balance to Profit and Loss of \$73,466.20 before payment of bonds and notes. Bonds and notes amounting to \$24,000.00 were retired during the year, and \$51,800 was transferred to the general funds of the Town. With this transfer the total contributed by the plant to the general funds of the town amounts to \$312,800.00.

The Profit and Loss credit balance at the end of the year was \$216,802.82 as compared with \$219,136.82 at the end of 1943. This reduction of \$2,333.80 is the difference between the operating profit for the year and the amount turned over to the Town.

The sale of appliances and jobbing showed a net profit of \$1,058.42. Operating cash received during the year amounted to \$448,224.17, and operating expenditures were \$383,388.66 leaving a cash balance of \$64,835.51 of which \$51,800.00 was transferred to the general funds of the Town, and \$13,035.51 placed in the construction fund of the plant in accordance with the vote of the Town.

There has been relatively little new construction during the year, the net cost of additions to the plant being \$4,363.81, and consisting of the following: 9 poles, 27,460 feet of wire, 9 transformers, 93 meters, and 1 street light. 55 new services were installed and 538 poles renewed, of which 250 were renewed by the plant, and 288 by the Telephone Company. The number of customers taking service on December 31, was 6,928, an increase of 90 during the year.

The expense of repairing the damage to the distribution lines caused by the hurricane of September 14, was \$3,817.11, and the estimated loss in revenue \$1,042.99.

The department has co-operated in the salvage collections during the year by furnishing men and trucks for each drive.

My estimate of the income and expenses of the plant for the year ending December 31, 1945 is as follows:

# **ESTIMATE FOR 1945**

## **Income**

From Private Consumers .....		\$400,259.19
From Tax Levy:		
for Street Lights .....	\$ 15,000.00	
for Municipal Depts. ....	5,024.96	20,024.96
From Miscellaneous Income .....		600.00
TOTAL INCOME .....		420,884.15

## **Expense**

For Operation, Maintenance and Repair .....	\$308,617.33
For Interest on Bonds and Notes .....	1,535.00
For Depreciation at 3 per cent on \$1,288,146.31 ..	38,644.38
For Bond Payments .....	2,000.00
For Note Payments .....	18,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSE .....	\$368,796.71

The auditors' certificate, and financial report follows.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR G. SIAS, Manager.

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## **CHARLES E. STANWOOD & COMPANY**

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Accountants and Auditors  
150 Congress Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

January 29, 1945

To the Municipal Light Board  
Town of Reading  
Massachusetts

We have examined the accompanying balance sheet of the Municipal Light Department of the Town of Reading, Massachusetts, as at December 31, 1944 and related statements of income and profit and loss for the year then ended, and reviewed the system of internal control and accounting procedures and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined or tested accounting records of the Department and other supporting evidence by methods and to the extent we deemed appropriate.

In our opinion said financial statements present fairly the position of the Municipal Light Department as at December 31, 1944 and the results of their operations for the year then ended, in conformity with the "Uniform System of Accounts for Municipal Lighting Plants" as prescribed by the Department of Public Utilities of Massachusetts.

(signed) CHARLES E. STANWOOD & CO.

## REPORT OF MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

The report of the Manager as submitted by him, together with the certificate of the auditor, is hereby approved by the Municipal Light Board and constitutes its report to the Town.

HENRY R. JOHNSON  
LOUIS E. ELLENWOOD  
HERBERT G. EVANS

Municipal Light Board

### TOTAL COST OF PLANT

as of December 31, 1944

Cost of Land—Ash Street .....	\$ 2,575.80
25 Haven Street .....	7,459.46
Cost of Structures—Ash Street .....	57,373.12
25 Haven Street.....	27,849.85
Generating Plant—Steam:	
Cost of Boiler Plant Equipment .....	69,696.71
Cost of Prime Movers & Auxiliaries .....	21,512.38
Cost of Turbo Generator Units .....	46,870.83
Cost of Electric Plant—Steam .....	83,090.61
Transmission, Distribution & Storage:	
Cost of Trans. Sta. & Substa. Equip. ....	40,669.55
Cost of Poles, Fixtures, & Overhead Cond. ....	502,779.73
Cost of Underground Conduits .....	112,079.16
Cost of Underground Conductors .....	110,266.81
Cost of Consumers Meters .....	75,365.17
Cost of Meter Installations .....	24,533.64
Cost of Line Transformers .....	56,528.00
Cost of Line Transformer Installations .....	5,751.06
Utilization Equipment:	
Cost of Street Lighting Equipment .....	53,779.69
<b>TOTAL COST OF ELECTRIC PLANT .....</b>	<b>\$1,298,181.57</b>



# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

as of December 31, 1944

## Fixed Assets:

Land .....	\$ 10,035.26
Structures .....	61,502.49
Plant Equipment .....	32,753.73
Transf. Stat. & Substat. Equip. ....	24,107.38
Poles, Fixtures, & Overhead Cond. ....	228,106.39
Underground Conduit .....	92,175.18
Underground Conductors .....	84,069.91
Consumers Meters & Installations .....	46,910.29
Line Transformers & Installations .....	32,318.62
Street Lighting Equipment .....	15,511.49
General Equipment .....	15,507.33

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Total Fixed Assets .....	\$642,998.07
Unfinished Construction .....	4,998.22

## Current Assets:

Construction Fund .....	13,038.41
Const. Fund—Spec. Underground .....	1,431.59
Real Est. Debt Retirement Fund .....	4,000.00
Depreciation Fund .....	104,830.02
Consumers Deposit Funds .....	13,163.54
Petty Cash Fund .....	250.00
Accounts Receivable .....	39,551.58
Materials & Supplies Inventories .....	57,031.68

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Total Current Assets .....	233,296.82
Prepaid Insurance .....	931.09

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TOTALS .....	\$882,224.20
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## Liabilities:

Notes Payable .....	\$ 77,000.00
Bonds Payable .....	14,000.00
Accounts Payable .....	None
Consumers Deposits .....	13,163.54
Town Treas.—Petty Cash Fund .....	250.00
Interest Accrued .....	429.58

Loans Repayment .....	560,578.26
Total Liabilities .....	665,421.38
Profit and Loss Balance Dec. 31, 1944 .....	216,802.82
Totals .....	\$882,224.20

Note: A contingent liability in the amount of \$2132.73 existed at Dec. 31, 1944 on account of leases received from installment sales of electrical appliances and which were discounted with the First National Bank of Reading.

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

as of December 31, 1944

Balance December 31, 1943 .....	\$219,136.62
Income Balance from Operating Account .....	73,466.20
TOTAL CREDITS .....	292,602.82
Bonds and Notes Paid .....	\$ 24,000.00
Transferred to General Funds of the Town .....	51,800.00
TOTAL DEBITS .....	\$ 75,800.00
Credit Balance .....	\$216,802.82

## SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

for the year ending December 31, 1944

### REVENUES:

Residence Service .....	\$296,471.35
Commercial Service .....	49,612.50
Commercial Power—Wholesale .....	21,815.69
Municipal Service .....	10,337.65
Sales to Private Companies & Municipal Plants .....	1,123.38
Street Lighting Service .....	29,195.76
Miscellaneous Income .....	1,763.38

Total Revenues .....	\$410,319.71
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### EXPENSES:

Production Expenses .....	\$165,098.89
Distribution Expenses .....	70,459.95
Utilization Expenses .....	10,914.67
Commercial Expenses .....	20,572.67
New Business Expenses .....	90.10
General Expenses .....	23,353.95
Depreciation .....	38,513.48
Interest on Bonds & Notes .....	1,592.18
Taxes .....	5,448.50
Uncollectible Operating Revenues .....	300.86
Interest on Consumers Deposits .....	508.26
Total Expense .....	\$336,853.51

**Annual Report**

OF THE

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

OF THE

**Town of Reading, Massachusetts**

**For the Year Ended December 30**

**1944**

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

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### School Committee

Irving C. Austin, Chairman, 180 Prescott St.	Term expires 1947
J. Warren Killam, 340 Summer Ave.	Term expires 1947
Mrs. Mary E. Earley, 18 Whittier Rd.	Term expires 1945
Dr. Merle W. Wescott, 16 Sanborn St.	Term expires 1945
Norman L. Duncan, 54 Longview Rd.	Term expires 1946
Mrs. Gladys F. Milton, 281 Summer Ave.	Term expires 1945

### School Committee Office

Grouard House, 25 School St.      Telephones Reading 0180; 0059  
Open daily, 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.      Saturday, 9:00 a. m. to 12 m.  
Vacations, 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.

### Superintendent of Schools

Elbridge C. Grover, 6 Pine Ridge Rd.      Tel. Res. 0479  
Office 0180; 0059

### Secretary to Superintendent

Ruth C. Roberts, 21 Sanborn St.      Tel. Res. 0290-M; Office 0180; 0059  
(Resigned as of Nov. 30, 1944)

### Clerks in School Committee Office

Alice L. Arsenault      Tel. Res. 1662-M; Office 0180; 0059  
Ina L. Morrison      Tel. Res. 1184-R; Office 0180; 0059

### Visiting Teacher

Jean F. Ramsay, 385 Summer Ave.      Tel. Office 1475

### Attendance Officer

Warburton J. Murray, 81 Vine St.      Tel. Office 1475

### School Physician

Dr. Thomas F. Halpin, 26 Linden St.      Tel. 0086

### Supervisor of Health

Margaret B. Clewley, 131 Pleasant St., Woburn  
Tel. Office 1475; Res. Wob. 0316  
Marjorie B. Batchelder, Secretary  
(Resigned Jan. 1944)

## NO SCHOOL SIGNALS

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Fire alarm 2-2 repeated three times.

Street lights turned on for five minutes.

Radio announcement when possible over WNAC and WEEI between  
7:00 and 7:45 a.m.

7:15 a. m. for Senior High School.

7:30 a. m. for Junior High School.

7:45 a. m. for Grades 1-6 inclusive.

SINCE SCHOOL BUSES FOR THE DURATION ARE AVAILABLE FOR TRANSPORTATION ONLY TWICE A DAY, MORNING AND NIGHT, NO SCHOOL SIGNALS IN THE MORNING MEAN NO SCHOOL FOR ALL DAY.

High School sessions will be called off only in cases of extremely severe weather or other emergencies. None of the schools will be closed except in severe weather, but it is hoped that parents will at all times use discretion as to whether their children should attend, even when the schools are in session.

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## SCHOOL CLINICS

Dental, Tuesday and Thursday at the Grouard House, 9-12 and 1-3.

Pre-School at the Town Building, Room 19, every Tuesday, 2-4 p. m.

Tuberculosis Prevention, annually by announcement.

Diphtheria Prevention, annually by announcement.

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## SCHOOL SECRETARIES AND CLERKS

High School:

Myrtle W. Tilton, Secretary

99 Prescott Street ..... Telephone: 0295-W

Beulah E. Ellis, Clerk

14 Libby Avenue .....

Junior High School:

Alice Larrabee, Secretary

1140 Main Street ..... 1388

Highland School:

Muriel Newberry, Secretary

11 High Street .....

Pearl Street School:

Dorothy A. Walsh, Secretary

Park Street, No. Reading ..... 195.

## SCHOOL JANITORS

### High School:

John Maguire, 61 Vine St. ....	Telephone: 0281-J
Percy Curtis, 161 Ash St. ....	1518-W

### Junior High School:

Fred Riessle, 10 King St. ....	1617-M
Walter Smith, 36 Temple St. ....	1445-M
Kenneth L. Beverage, 8 Morgan Park ....	1336-W
Agnes Hurley, 23 King St. ....	

### Highland School:

William Ray Yorks, 16 Track Rd. ....	1087-R
William Broussard, 21 Breckin Terrace, Andover	And. 1878
Emma Tibbetts (Resigned Dec. 1944)	

### Pearl Street:

Edward McBrien, 213 Forest St. ....	0228
Simon A. Castine, 21 Green St. ....	

### Prospect St. and Chestnut Hill Schools:

Leander Smith, 193 High St. ....	1325
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### Lowell St. School:

William A. Lloyd, 128 Bancroft Ave. ....	
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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### January, 1945 to June, 1946, Inclusive

Winter Vacation week of	February 18, 1945
Spring Vacation week of	April 15, 1945
No sessions:	
Memorial Day	May 30, 1945
Schools close for summer	June 20, 1945

Schools open	September 4, 1945
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No sessions:	
Columbus Day	October 12, 1945
Teachers' Convention	October 26, 1945

Thanksgiving Recess from noon November 22, 1945 to  
November 26, 1945

Christmas Vacation from end of regular sessions December 21, 1945 to  
January 3, 1946

Winter Vacation week of	February 18, 1946
Spring Vacation week of	April 15, 1946
No sessions:	
Memorial Day	May 30, 1946
Schools Close for summer	June 21, 1946



## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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To the citizens of the Town of Reading, the School Committee submits its annual report.

During the present year there have been problems regarding the schools on which the Committee has had to make important recommendations to the Town. Foremost among these, of course, follows earlier recommendations and suggestions relating to new buildings in the school system. A year ago we recommended that a new high school be considered, as originally planned, to be built as an addition to the present Junior High School.

At the last Annual Town Meeting, in March, 1944, we felt that since the expressed general opinion was against a high school being built on the same property as the Junior High School, we should have, before spending any of the money appropriated at that time for preliminary plans, a complete survey made by an outside authority that would cover our entire building program.

This survey was made, and one of the recommendations was that the high school should be a separate unit located in that part of the Town which would allow enough land for all outside activities. The recommendations on the elementary school more or less followed both the location and size of the plans we already had under consideration.

Although it is not possible to build until after the war, we feel it is necessary at this time to recommend the taking of land for a high school and an elementary school, having the necessary appropriations made to allow us to begin our plans. Without the definite knowledge of location we naturally cannot start any actual plans.

As both the State Department of Education and the authorities in Washington requested, at least two years ago, information from all towns as to their needed building plans following the end of the war, we have felt the definite need of completing plans as soon as possible, so that they may be ready in case there is a Federal grant. Figures so far submitted to the Town by the School Committee, as well as figures given by the Budget Planning Committee, have not been based on any Federal grant. Under the PWA during the depression, the Federal grant amounted to 45% of the cost; therefore, it will be natural to assume that any grant for public buildings given after the war will be at least as large as this. We have been given to understand that the communities that have their plans ready when they are needed will be the ones to receive first consideration from Washington.

A few years ago we made a slight adjustment in our salary schedule, but have realized for several years the necessity of making further adjustments that would recognize the need, as well as the fairness, of having teachers in the elementary grades on the same basis as teachers in the junior high and high schools. A thorough study of this has been in process during the last year or two by the Reading

Teachers' Club, and this coming school year we are planning to put into effect the new schedule, as explained in the Superintendent's Report. Many other towns adjacent to ours and comparable with ours have made similar changes this year, so that about all we are doing in making our change is to hold our present basis in comparison with competitive towns.

We take pride in our faculty and wish to be able to maintain the same high standard which we now feel we have.

As the expenditures for maintenance of buildings and grounds have been very limited since the end of the WPA work, we find it necessary this year to show a few increases in our budget to cover what we consider needed items of upkeep.

Due to increased registration at the Prospect Street School, it was necessary to move the fourth grade from there to the Junior High School. The outlook for this coming fall is that we may need to take an extra room at the Junior High for an additional elementary grade. If so, there will be minor changes needed at the Junior High School, so that more room may be made available to continue the present Junior High School program.

Both at the Junior High School and the Senior High School there has been a large increase in the number of pupils buying their lunches. This has made it necessary to increase our school lunch appropriation, but, of course, this money all comes back to the Town.

We are this year returning to the Town the following amounts from the various accounts:

Salaries .....	\$ 1,560.19	
General Maintenance .....	7.81	
Transportation .....	279.50	
		\$ 1,847.50
School Lunches .....		\$ 2.36
Industrial Tuition .....		\$ 547.39

As Miss Margaret Canty and Mrs. Charles Holcomb moved from Reading, we regretfully accepted their resignations. To those vacancies we appointed:

Mrs. Walter Earley on August 14, 1944

Mrs. Henry Milton on October 16, 1944

The terms of Dr. Merle W. Wescott and Mrs. Walter Earley expire this year. The regular expiration date of the term filled by Mrs. Henry Milton is 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

School Committee.

IRVING C. AUSTIN, Chairman

NORMAN L. DUNCAN

MARY E. EARLEY

J. WARREN KILLAM, JR.

GLADYS F. MILTON

MERLE W. WESCOTT

# SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET — 1945

Receipts Not from Tax Levy --- Showing Net Cost to Town  
Final Draft --- January 15, 1945

Estimate 1945

1944

<b>General Account:</b>		
Total Expenditure		\$280,752.50
Receipts:		
State Reimbursement on Teachers	\$ 17,640.00	
Tuition	11,275.98	
Sundry	247.47	29,163.45
NET COST TO TOWN		\$251,589.05
<b>School Lunches:</b>		
Inventory	\$ 542.50	
Receipts:		
Cash for lunches	17,322.97	
W. F. A. Reimbursements	927.66	\$ 18,793.13
Total Cost of Operation		18,611.94
NET GAIN TO TOWN		\$ 181.19
<b>Industrial Tuition:</b>		
Total Expenditure		\$ 952.61
Receipts:		
State Reimbursement		\$ 386.62
NET COST TO TOWN		\$ 565.99

# SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET—1944

Appropriations		Expended
Transfers and Refunds		1944
1944		
<b>SALARIES:</b>		
\$208,683.00	Supt. and Teachers .....	\$208,622.07
2,100.00	Substitutes .....	1,947.00
25,065.00	Janitors .....	23,809.51
500.00	Compulsory Attendance .....	500.00
2,860.00	Nurse and Clerk .....	2,749.23
1,100.00	Medical Inspection .....	1,120.00
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\$240,308.00	TOTAL SALARIES .....	\$238,747.81
<b>MAINTENANCE:</b>		
<b>General Control:</b>		
\$ 600.00	Supt's Office Supplies .....	\$ 544.03
100.00	Research and Professional Study .....	211.41
450.00	Travel .....	413.70
100.00	Printing .....	72.00
400.00	Other Expenses .....	407.90
300.00	Grouard House—Operation .....	365.77
120.00	Grouard House—Maintenance .....	75.03
50.00	Grouard House—Capital Outlay .....	158.03
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\$ 2,120.00	Total General Control .....	\$ 2,247.87
<b>Instruction:</b>		
\$ 395.00	Supervision .....	\$ 418.99
350.00	Principal's Office Expense .....	266.57
1,300.00	Textbooks .....	1,470.82
700.00	Supplementary Books .....	918.47
300.00	Library .....	262.57
5,000.00	Supplies .....	5,952.41
275.00	Commencement .....	280.89
650.00	Other Expenses .....	830.44
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\$ 8,970.00	Total Instruction Expense .....	\$ 10,401.16
<b>Operation of Plant:</b>		
\$ 2,166.51	Janitors' Supplies .....	\$ 2,166.51
8,000.00	Fuel .....	8,020.18
1,025.00	Water and Sewer .....	1,126.60
2,775.00	Electricity and Power .....	2,757.97
365.00	Gas .....	326.88
650.00	Telephone .....	632.98
330.00	Other Expenses .....	447.73
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\$ 15,145.00	Total Operation of Plant .....	\$ 15,120.29

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET—1944

<b>Maintenance of Plant:</b>		
\$ 1,609.00	Grounds .....	\$ 1,193.04
2,080.00	Buildings .....	832.33
527.00	Service Systems .....	1,127.54
464.00	Plumbing .....	529.16
850.00	Instructional Apparatus .....	1,087.82
11.00	Furniture .....	—
368.00	Other Expenses .....	150.43
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\$ 5,909.00	Total Maintenance of Plant .....	\$ 4,920.32
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>		
\$ 812.00	Alterations and Additions .....	\$ 1,343.61
467.00	Furniture .....	302.21
1,831.00	Instructional Apparatus .....	843.98
45.00	Other Outlay .....	43.38
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\$ 3,155.00	Total Capital Outlay .....	\$ 2,533.18
<b>Auxiliary Agencies:</b>		
\$ 104.00	Tuition .....	\$ 66.57
<b>Coordinate Account:</b>		
\$ 300.00	Compulsory Attendance .....	\$ 204.13
35.00	Medical Service .....	32.09
354.00	Nurse Service .....	558.58
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\$ 689.00	Total Coordinate Account .....	\$ 794.80
\$ 36,092.00	TOTAL GENERAL MAIN- TENANCE .....	\$ 36,084.19
\$ 6,200.00	TRANSPORTATION .....	\$ 5,920.50
\$282,600.00	GRAND TOTAL .....	\$280,752.50
\$ 1,500.00	INDUSTRIAL TUITION .....	\$ 952.61
\$ 17,525.00	SCHOOL LUNCHES .....	\$ 17,522.64
\$ 13,000.00	NEW FURNACE ACCOUNT .....	\$ 13,000.00
\$ 760.00	RETIREMENT FOR TEACHERS IN SERVICE .....	\$ 760.00
\$ 4,000.00	BUILDING PLANS & SURVEYS —HIGH SCHOOL .....	\$ 691.12
\$ 2,500.00	BUILDING PLANS & SURVEYS —ELEMENTARY SCHOOL .....	\$ —

## CHANGES IN PERSONNEL—1944

Left:

Marjorie B. Batchelder	Clerk, Health Office	Jan.
Helen Pratt Ingalls	Clerk, School Committee	Nov.
Ruth C. Roberts	Secretary, Superintendent	Nov.
Nellie St. Cyr	Jr. High School—Cafeteria	Feb.

### Changes in Personnel—1944 (continued)

*Walter E. Hawkes	Jr. High School—Physical Ed.	Mar.
Irving P. Erickson	High School—Mathematics	June
Elinor Erickson	Jr. High School—Bus. Training	June
Cecilia P. Fitzgerald	Pearl, Grade 4	June
Grace L. Gifford	Highland, Grade 3	June
Elizabeth Hussey	Pearl, Grade 3	June
Wallace Knowlton	Jr. High School—Social Studies	June
Helen Newhall	Pearl—Grade 1	June
Elizabeth B. Wood	Chestnut Hill—Grades 3-4	June
Natalie Cate	Jr. High School—Secretary	July
Elsa Anderson	Pearl—Grade 6	Aug.
Beatrice M. Coleman	High School—Social Studies	Aug.
H. Mildred Holden	High School—Latin	Aug.
Beverly Alexander (L.A.)	Jr. High School—English	Sept.
Helen B. Bean	Jr. High School—English	Oct.
James L. Healey	Highland—Janitor	Oct.
Alice L. Arsenault	Highland—Secretary	Nov.
Emma Tibbetts	Highland—Matron	Dec.
Jeannette B. Reed	High School—English	Dec.

\*To enter Armed Forces

Appointed:

Ina L. Morrison	Clerk—Superintendent's Office	Oct.
Alice L. Arsenault	Clerk—Superintendent's Office	Nov.
Mildred Ingram	Jr. High School—Cafeteria	Mar.
Alice Larrabee	Jr. High School—Secretary	Aug.
Jane Cutcliffe (Sub)	High School—Social Studies	Sept.
Clifford W. Baker	High School—Mathematics	Sept.
Elizabeth Jackson	High School—Latin	Sept.
Albert J. Reinhalter	High School—Phys. Education	Sept.
Leo. I. Burrington	Jr. High School—Bus. Training	Sept.
John O. Edwards, Jr.	Jr. High School—Phys. Education	Sept.
Arthur D. Simonds, Jr.	Jr. High School—Social Studies	Sept.
Clinton H. Stevens, Jr.	Jr. High School—Shop	Sept.
Dorothy L. Burgess	Highland—Grade 3	Sept.
(From L.A.)		
Catherine M. Chipman	Pearl—Grade 3	Sept.
Maxine Swett	Pearl—Grade 6	Sept.
Foris V. Williams	Pearl—Grade 4	Sept.
Grace L. Gifford	Prospect—Grade 1	Sept.
Clara A. Anderson	Chestnut Hill—Grades 3-4	Sept.
Austin Freeley	Jr. High School—English	Oct.
Edith J. French	Jr. High School—Cafeteria	Nov.
William Broussard	Highland—Janitor	Nov.
Muriel Newberry	Highland—Secretary	Nov.
A. Josephine Guild	Pearl—Grade 1	Nov.



**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**  
**NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES**

Class of Service	Men	Women	Total
Total Number of School Dept. Employees .....	35	89	124
<b>A. Administration</b> ..... Total	2.3	5.2	7.5
Superintendent .....	1		1
Attendance .....	1		1
Visiting Teacher .....		1	1
Librarian .....		1	1
Directors and Supervisors .....	.3	3.2	3.5
<b>B. Supervising Principals</b> ..... Total	2	2	4
High School .....	1		1
Junior High School .....	1		1
Elementary Schools .....		2	2
<b>C. Teachers</b> ..... Total	20.7	62.8	83.5
1. Regular ..... Total	18	58	76
High School (Grades 10-12) ..... Total	9.3	11.4	20.7
Junior High School (Grades 7-9) Total	8.7	10.6	19.3
Elementary (Grades 1-6) ..... Total		36	36
Highland .....		12	12
Pearl .....		13	13
Prospect .....		5	5
Lowell .....		4	4
Chestnut Hill .....		2	2
2. Special ..... Total	2.7	4.8	7.5
Art .....		1.5	1.5
Physical Education .....	1.8	1.3	3.1
Music .....	.9		.9
Special Class .....		2	2

# **NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES (continued)**

Class of Service	Men	Women	Total	
Sum of A, B, and C .....	23	72	95	
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D. Secretaries and Clerks .....	Total	9	9	
Superintendent's Office .....		3	3	
Health and Visiting Teacher's Office .....		1	1	
High School .....		2	2	
Junior High School .....		1	1	
Highland .....		1	1	
Pearl Street .....		1	1	
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E. Health Department .....	Total	1	1	2
Physician .....	1		1	
Supervisor .....		1	1	
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F. Janitors and Matrons .....	Total	11	2	13
High School .....	2		2	
Junior High School .....	3	1	4	
Highland .....	2	1	3	
Pearl .....	2		2	
Lowell .....	1		1	
Prospect .....	.5		.5	
Chestnut Hill .....	.5		.5	
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G. Cafeteria Service .....	Total	5	5	
High School .....		2	2	
Junior High School .....		3	3	

### MEMBERS OF READING SCHOOL FACULTIES

### School Committee Offices

Elbridge C. Grover                                  Superintendent of Schools  
Harvard, B.S.; Teachers' College; Columbia Univ., M.A.;  
N. Y. Univ., Ph.D.; La Sorbonne, Paris (1939)

Thomas F. Halpin, M.D. School Physician  
Boston Col., B.A.; Tufts Medical Sch., M.D. (1943)

Margaret B. Clewley, Supervisor of Health  
 Newton Hosp., R.N.; Simmons, Cert. Public Health Nursing;  
 Boston Univ.; Harvard (1939)

Evelyn M. Giles Supervisor of Music, Elementary  
Boston Univ., Mus. B. (1939)

Warburton J. Murray  
Suffolk Law School (1943)

Jean F. Ramsay  
Smith College, B.A.; Columbia Univ., M.A., Univ. Stockholm  
and Upsala (1941)

### Senior High School

Rudolf Sussmann  
Boston Univ., B.S. Ed.; Harvard (1917)

Supervising Principal

Luke Halpin                                  Asst. Prin., Math., Guidance  
Bowdoin, B.A.; Boston Univ., M.A.; Harvard (1922)

Royal S. Adams Science, Math.  
Bates Col., B.S.; Harvard, Boston Univ. (1943)

Clifford W. Baker  
Boston Univ., B.S., M.A. (1944)

Elizabeth A. Batchelder Com'l. Eng., Guidance  
Salem Normal; Boston Univ., B.S. Ed.; Harvard (1916)

Elsie Bishop Librarian  
Colby College, B. A.; Simmons, B.L.S.; Boston Univ. (1943)

Marion Brink  
Radeliffe College, B.A., M.A.; Certificate from the Institute  
of France (1943)

Cathleen Burns Eng., Span., Dramatics  
Smith College, B.A.; Boston Univ., M.A. (1942)

- Beatrice Coleman History  
Radcliffe College, B.A., Univ. of Vt., Harvard (1943)
- Alberta F. Drury Bookkeeping, Bus. Law, Arith.  
Posse Normal, Salem Normal, Boston Univ. (1917)
- Joseph F. Fitzgerald Math.  
Boston College, B.A., M.A.; Boston Univ. (1929)
- Elizabeth Jackson Latin, Eng.  
Salem Teachers College; Boston Univ., B.S. Ed. (1944)
- Albert W. Kent Dir. Phys. Ed. and Athletics  
Bowdoin Col., B.S.; Boston Univ., Univ. of Maine (1943)
- Svea W. Kling Shorthand, Type., Bus. English  
Burdett Col., Boston Univ., B.B.A., Harvard (1940)
- Florence G. Nichols Phys. Ed. Sup. and Teacher  
Sargent School; Boston Univ., B.S. Ed.; M. I. T. (1929)
- Samuel A. W. Peck Dir. and Teacher of Music  
Boston Univ., B.A., M.A.; N. E. Conserv.; Eastman School;  
Mozarteum Academy, Austria (1931)
- Victor E. Pitkin Social Studies  
Clark Univ., B.A. M.A.; Harvard; Boston Univ. (1933)
- Frederick J. Pope Chemistry, Physics  
Colby College, B.S.; Harvard, M.Ed. (1922)
- Jeannette B. Reed English, German  
Smith Col., B.A.; Boston Univ., M.A. (1941)
- Albert J. Reinhalter Physical Ed.  
R. I. State College, B.B.A.; Tufts College; Boston Univ.;  
Univ. of Vt. (1944)
- Mary E. Shay English  
Regis College, B.A.; Harvard (1943)
- Helen B. Stanwood Shorthand, Type.  
Salem Teachers Col., B.S. Ed.; Boston Univ., M.C.S.; Har-  
vard (1937)
- Hermon T. Wheeler Occup., World Geography  
Mass. State College, B. S.; Harvard (1924)
- Inez Woodberry Supervisor and Teacher of Art  
Mass. School of Art, B.S. Ed. (1943)
- Helen R. Zimmermann Biology  
Wellesley, B.A.; Purdue Univ., M.S., Ph.D. (1937)

## Junior High School

- Robert F. Perry Supervising Principal  
 U. S. Naval Academy, B.S.; N. H. Univ.; Columbia Univ.  
 (1935)
- William A. Rich Asst. Prin., Math.  
 Salem Normal; Boston Univ., B.S. Ed., M.A. (1928)
- Dorothy A. Allard English  
 Salem Normal; Boston Univ., B.S. Ed. (1927)
- Harriet S. Beattie Art  
 Mass. School of Art, B.S. Ed. (1936)
- Leo I. Burrington Jr. Bus. Training  
 Boston Univ., B.S. Ed. (1944)
- Lois Collemer Home Economics  
 Framingham T. C., B.S. Ed. (1943)
- Gladys H. Cutcliffe English  
 Salem Teachers College; Boston Univ. (1944)
- Marian D. Day Science  
 Bates Col., M. I. T., Harvard (1925)
- John O. Edwards, Jr. Physical Ed.  
 Boston Univ., B.S. Ed. (1944)
- Austin Freeley English  
 Boston Univ. B.S. Ed. (1944)
- Grace M. Harriman Social Studies  
 Radcliffe Col., B.A.; Harvard, M. Ed.; Stanford Univ. (1928)
- Genevieve P. Hook Latin, Eng., and French  
 Univ. of Vt., B.A.; Radcliffe, M.A. (1931)
- Louise B. Jenkins Social Studies  
 Bridgewater Normal, Boston Univ., B.S.Ed.; Harvard (1920)
- Inez H. Lewis Math.  
 Gorham Normal; Boston Univ. (1923)
- Roderick E. Macdonald Shop  
 Fitchburg Teachers College, B.S. Ed. (1937)
- Andronike M. Mekalatos Music  
 Lowell T. C., B.S.; Amer. Inst. Normal Music (1943)
- Clifford R. Nelson General Science  
 Boston Univ., B.S. Ed. (1937)
- Anna M. Reck Math.  
 Radcliffe College, B.A.; Boston Univ. (1928)

Neil C. Robinson	Social Studies
Mass. State College, B.S.; Boston Univ.; Harvard (1936)	
Edna Rohwedder	English
Lowell T. C., B.S. Ed.; Boston Univ.; Tufts Col. (1943)	
Arthur D. Simonds, Jr.	Social Studies
Boston Univ., B. R. E., M.A. (1944)	
Clinton H. Stevens, Jr.	Shop
Fitchburg Teachers College, B.S. Ed. (1944)	
Margaret E. Tyacke	Phy. Ed., Hygiene
Harvard Summer School, Boston Univ. (1926)	
Frederick Wales	Shop
Fitchburg Teachers College, B.S. Ed. (1942)	
Helen A. Walker	Household Arts
Framingham Teachers College, B.S. Ed. (1941)	
Albert H. Woodward	Math., Social Studies
Amherst College, B.A.; Boston Univ., M. Ed. (1941)	

### Highland School

Elizabeth Graham	Supervising Principal
Framingham Normal; Boston Univ., B.S. Ed., M. Ed.; Harvard (1941)	
Olive Joney	Ass't Principal and Grade 6
Worcester Teachers College, B.S. Ed.; Univ. of Colo., Clark Univ.; Boston Univ., M. Ed. (1933)	
Dorothy L. Burgess	Grade 3
Lesley Normal; Boston Univ. (1926)	
Jean M. Butters	Grade 5
Salem Teachers College, B.S. Ed.; Boston Univ. (1936)	
Dorothy L. Cronin	Grade 2
Lowell Teachers College, B.S. Ed.; Boston Univ. (1933)	
R. Hilda Gaffney	Grade 6
Boston Univ., B.S. Ed. (1941)	
Matilda J. Gamble	Grade 5
Woburn High School; Boston Univ. (1920)	
Lillian F. Keller	Grade 5
Farmington Normal; Boston Univ. (1930)	
Edythe M. McQuaide	Grade 6
Lowell Teachers College, B.S. Ed.; Tufts Col., M.A. (1940)	
Eleanor A. Miller	Grade 1
Vassar College, B.A.; Boston Univ., M. Ed. (1942)	



Florence A. Potter	Grade 5
Plymouth Normal; Boston Univ., (1926)	
Eleanor Skahill	Grade 4
Bridgewater Teachers College, B.S. Ed.; Boston Univ. (1943)	
Florence V. Thackleberry	Grade 6
Plymouth Normal; Boston Univ. (1931)	

### Pearl Street School

Maud E. Adlington	Supervising Principal
Simmons College; Boston Univ.; Harvard (1936)	
Marjorie H. Buckle	Ass't Principal and Grade 4
Posse-Nissen; Hyannis T. C., B.S. Ed.; Boston Univ. (1927)	
Ruth Carey	Grade 1
Boston Univ., B.S. Ed. (1943)	
Catherine M. Chipman	Grade 4
Lowell Normal; Boston Univ. (1944)	
Glenna A. Dow	Grade 2
Hyannis Normal; Emerson Col.; Columbia Univ.; Boston Univ. (1919)	
Marian E. Drew	Grade 6
Aroostook State Normal; Boston Univ., B.S. Ed.; Harvard (1941)	
Carolyn C. Grace	Grade 5
North Adams Normal; Boston Univ.; Hyannis T. C. (1919)	
A. Josephine Guild	Grade 1
Hyannis Normal; N. E. Conservatory; Perry Normal; Boston Univ. (1944) B.S. Ed.	
Frances Haskins	Grade 3
Aroostook State Normal (1943)	
Velma E. Herrick	Grade 1
Perry Kindergarten Sch.; Boston Univ.; Tufts College (1927)	
Beth MacGregor	Special Class
Salem Teachers College, B.S. Ed. (1943)	
Alberta R. Mathieson	Grade 2
Salem Normal; Boston Univ. (1924)	
Mary W. Moore	Grade 5
Provincial Normal; Boston Univ., B.S. Ed. (1941)	
Helen D. Stockwell	Special Class
Salem Normal; Boston Univ. (1930)	

Maxine Swett Grade 6  
Boston Univ., B.S. Ed.; Columbia T. C. (1944)

Doris V. Williams Grade 3  
Milwaukee State Teachers Col.; Fitchburg Teachers Col.,  
B.S. Ed. (1944)

### **Lowell Street School**

Nellie P. Beaton Principal, Grade 4  
Hyannis Teachers Col.; Boston Univ. (1920)

Isabel W. Carley Grade 3  
Salem Normal; Penn. State Col. (1928)

Jessie L. Goddard Grade 2  
Bridgewater Normal; Boston Univ. (1926)

Elois Godfrey Grade 1  
Bridgewater Teachers Col., B.S. Ed. (1937)

### **Prospect Street School**

Ada E. Dow Principal, Grade 3  
Lowell Normal; Emerson Col.; Boston Univ. (1909)

Alice D. Berry Grade 1  
Bridgewater Normal; Boston Univ. (1927)

Doris R. Cleary Grade 2  
Salem Normal; Univ. of Maine; Hyannis T. C.; Mass. Univ.  
Ext. B.S. Ed. (1927)

Grace Gifford Grade 1  
Wheelock School; Boston Univ. (1943)

Helena Markham Grade 4  
Framingham Normal; Boston Univ. (1934)

### **Chestnut Hill School**

Irene Royea Principal, Grades 1 and 2  
Aroostook State Normal; Boston Univ. (1928)

Clara A. Anderson Grades 3 and 4  
Gorham Normal School; Boston Univ. (1944)

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, 1944**

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To the School Committee,  
Reading, Massachusetts

Mrs. Earley, Mrs. Milton, and Gentlemen:

Herewith please find my sixth annual report as Superintendent of Schools, which is the fifty-second of a series of annual reports relative to the work in the Public Schools of Reading.

**HERITAGE AND TRADITION**

The 300th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Reading has given us cause to reflect upon the rich traditions of our community and the unique heritage which is ours. This is particularly significant when we take into account that educational institutions are primary factors in keeping this heritage alive and making it a firm foundation for building wisely both in the present and future.

The schools of Reading have taken a major part in the development of the community. Though not one of the first communities to establish free public schools, Reading, nevertheless, has supported education since 1693. The School Committee of today, employing a full time Superintendent to carry out its policies, is a long way from the Committee of that earlier day composed of men who inspected all the grades in the schools of the Town. The present high standard of the schools would have been impossible had not the Town appreciated the need of electing outstanding citizens to the School Committee. Such men as Horace G. Wadlin, Walter S. Parker, Dr. Hunt (who later became Superintendent of Schools of Portland, Maine) continually brought to Reading, teachers and principals of the best training and scholarship available at the time. A study of the School Reports before 1893, written by the School Committee, reveals a strikingly modern point of view running through the pages of each volume. These people devoted much time to studying and evaluating educational procedure, and their findings furnished a guide of the highest order to the teachers and the Town.

## THE SCHOOLS TODAY

Reading Schools today are serving the educational needs of 2,189 pupils as recorded for state statistics on October 1, 1944. These pupils are distributed as follows:

<i>High School</i> .....	508								<i>Junior High School</i> .....	524
Seniors.....	138								9th Grade.....	150
Juniors.....	170								8th Grade.....	183
Sophomores.....	200								7th Grade.....	191
<i>Elementary Schools</i> .....	1156								<i>All Schools</i> .....	2189
Schools	Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total		
Chestnut Hill .....		13	23	12	15				63	
Highland .....		40	33	28	34	103	100		337	
Lowell .....		43	27	27	32				129	
Pearl .....	Opp. 33	92	75	70	62	65	61		458	
Prospect .....		71	39	35	24				169	
TOTAL.....	33	259	197	172	167	168	161		1156	

At the opening of school, September 1944, the first grade in Highland School enrolled 40 pupils, the first grade in Lowell Street 43 pupils, and the first grade in the Prospect School 67 pupils. The fourth grade in the Prospect School had to be transferred to the Conference Room in the Junior High School and an additional first grade teacher had to be added to the Prospect School faculty. If the rapid growth of younger children continues in this district, another room must be opened (probably in the Junior High School) which means that the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades will have to be more closely organized than at present. This cannot go on indefinitely without loss of educational opportunity for the Junior High School youth.

### Staff Studies School Problems

The Superintendent's Staff during the year has held meetings and discussions for improvement of instruction in the Reading Schools. Among the subjects at staff meetings were the following: Development of leadership, Expansion of health services, Effective learning procedures, The teaching of inter-racial and inter-cultural relationships, and an analysis of post war needs of youth.

### Conditions of Physical Plant

Strict economy has been observed in the operation and maintenance of the school plant. This has been done partly because of high labor and material costs and partly because of the need for increasing salaries to meet the ever mounting cost of living which the teachers face. Building maintenance, however, will not stand still. There has been little painting since the days of WPA and the outside of many school buildings are much in need of paint to preserve them. Further delay will

be costly. Unless the football field is repaired, it will deteriorate rapidly. The surface of the driveways and parking place at the Junior High School has broken up so that major repairs are necessary immediately. Educational furniture must be bought for the increased number of pupils in the elementary schools. The stress on vocational education by the Government necessitates the purchasing of machines and equipment which will make it possible for our youth to enter the Armed Forces prepared so they may compete with pupils from other secondary schools. Any surplus of supplies has been used up and much equipment needs to be repaired. These things cost more money today than formerly but they hold their value by their use in the education of our youth.

### **Teacher Turnover**

Sixteen new teachers have been employed this year and the resignations of two more teachers have been received recently. This turnover is due partly to the inability of the Reading School Salary Schedule to hold teachers when they are offered more elsewhere. This schedule is over 20 years old and was adequate between 1923 and 1931 to hold good teachers in our schools. Other school systems our size and some with lower per capita valuation have passed new salary schedules to meet the present cost of living needs of their teachers. During the last three years, temporary adjustments have been made on the old schedule so that teachers' salaries today are approximately 15 per cent above what they were in 1941. The Reading Teachers' Club made a thorough study of teachers' salaries in Reading and suggested a new schedule which absorbed the temporary adjustments made. The School Committee approved paying teachers in 1945-1946 on this schedule at the next step above the salaries which the teachers are now receiving. On this salary schedule, which is known as a "Preparation" Schedule, all women teachers with the same preparation will be paid alike whether they teach in the Elementary or Junior or Senior High Schools.

In the 1923 schedule, the maximum salaries for women ranged from \$1500 without a degree and \$1700 with a degree in the elementary schools, to \$1900 for senior high school women. The new schedule calls for a maximum of \$1900 for all women teachers who have only a two-year normal-school training, \$2100 for those who have had three years' training, \$2300 for those with Bachelors' Degrees or equivalent, and \$2500 for those with Masters' Degrees or equivalent and \$2700 for a full year's training beyond a Master's Degree. Men teachers will receive \$500 additional on any of the salary steps mentioned. It cannot be emphasized too strongly that the most important factor in the education of youth is the quality of teachers guiding that youth. Without efficient teaching our pupils will be handicapped in meeting the complicated problems which will face the citizens in the post war



period. The future of our town rests upon our youth and the education they receive. This is well expressed in "The American Character" by D. W. Brogan. Mr. Brogan states that the school does "more than it can (which is very American) and is doing much more than it seems to do (also very American). If these millions of boys and girls are to be judged by their academic accomplishments, they will be judged harshly. But they are not to be so judged and their schools are doing far more than instructing them: they are letting them instruct each other in how to live in America." This sort of instruction needs wise leadership and skillful guidance on the part of teachers.

### **New Progress Report**

Throughout the year, elementary teachers have been working through a committee to bring a more intelligent and helpful understanding of the growth of children under their supervision in the Reading Schools. The chief means of accomplishing this has been to develop a new Pupil Progress Report on which teachers inform parents of the progress of each individual child. It is hoped these reports will give a clearer picture to the parent of the development of his child as he goes along in the school system. Emphasis has been placed on development of good habits in health, both mental and physical, social and work habits and special interests and abilities which are observed in the classroom work. Information concerning the child's progress in reading, language, arithmetic, music, art, and physical education are also described by the teachers. The new reports are based on the fundamental idea that parents desire to be informed of the progress of their particular child.

### **W. F. A. Lunches**

In the fall of this year, the School Committee approved making a contract with the Massachusetts Department of Education, thereby participating in the War Food Administration lunch project. The object of this project is to get children to drink more milk and to eat better balanced meals at noon time. Until this project was put into operation, elementary children paid  $4\frac{1}{2}$  cents for a half pint of milk at recess in the elementary schools and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent for cookies and a straw. Under the project, two cents is contributed by Federal funds distributed by the State and two cents by each child. The volume of milk business permitting a drop from  $4\frac{1}{2}$  cents to 4 cents on the total cost of the milk. Some schools continue to add a cent for cookies and straws. In the Junior and Senior High Schools balanced meals are now served for a cost of 15 cents to the student. This includes a half pint bottle of milk. The cost to produce this lunch is 24 cents. The War Food Administration funds contribute the additional nine cents for each lunch. The purchase of milk in the elementary schools and the subsidized lunches in the Junior and Senior High Schools



has grown to the extent that the recommended school lunches budget for next year is \$30,000 against \$15,000 for 1943. It is estimated that between nine and ten thousand dollars will be contributed by the Government. In all lunches in our schools, the additional funds make possible a larger, better, and healthier meal than could have been obtained under former regulations.

### **\$143,300 in E Bonds**

During the Fifth War Loan Drive, the schools became a large factor in selling Series E War Bonds. Each building had its own organization and it sought to fill a given quota. The children demonstrated good salesmanship techniques before assemblies, developed War Bond songs, made art posters, and kept records of the progress of the campaign. The Superintendent's Office edited the "Bond Booster" on mimeograph paper to distribute the ideas of one school to other schools and to record the progress of the collections. The school children sold \$143,300 worth of E Bonds which materially aided not only the Reading Quota but the War Effort as well.

### **PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE**

The members of the Reading School Organization are studying the imminent changes in education in the period following the war as are most other institutions. The High School Faculty is taking this opportunity to review its curriculum with special reference to the planning of a new high school and meeting the needs for greater service to youth and to Reading members of the Armed Forces. There is a definite feeling in most educational circles that unless our secondary schools meet more fully the needs of youth, there will be provided under Government supervision and at Government expense youth organizations similar to the Civilian Conservation Corps and the National Youth Administration. Our faculty is, therefore, studying ways and means of making the high school curriculum more flexible and more practical. As teachers see youth in the secondary school years, they realize that there are educational and civic needs which should be more fully met. It is predicted that the schools in the post war world will meet the needs of individual interests, abilities, and talents more adequately than we are meeting them today, there will be provision for developing greater competence in reading achievement, higher accomplishments in effective speaking and writing, a better understanding of how to solve one's own problems, and practice in accepting responsibility as a member of a family group and being a good neighbor in the community. Teachers are more and more realizing the need of youth to learn some vocational or professional skills and there will be preparation for these to an increased degree in our secondary schools after the war. From the low rate of physical fitness shown by examinations taken by inductees, health and physical fitness

will receive increased emphasis in the post war world. The cultural subjects of literature, languages, history, etc., will still form a portion of the high school curriculum, but there will be some shift of emphasis to offer instruction in those courses which will bring about high competence in the industrial and social world which our youth must face.

The study and planning to make a better educational program for our youth is the first step in the consideration of the building facilities in which to house it. To provide facilities for this program, the Committee has had made a school survey with reference to building construction over a period of time. This survey recommends a senior high school at Birch Meadow, which is the approximate geographic center of the town. As the population of the center and northern portions of the town increases, there may be need of admitting junior high school pupils to this building. This will permit one senior high school and two junior high school units in the town. The plan further suggests that ultimately we should plan for six elementary schools to take care of the younger children. With a plant of this sort the town will have buildings for a school population of approximately 5,000 students by 1975. If, however, there occurs a rapid development of transportation facilities after the end of the war, this growth may be more rapid.

Not only is a high school building a necessity, but at least one elementary school should be built as soon as possible. The population of young children is increasing rapidly and we must have more facilities to meet it, particularly in the primary grades. The Town should, if at all possible, look forward to Kindergartens as part of the school system. It is in the Kindergarten where early adjustments are made, where health and social habits are acquired, and reading readiness developed. A well planned building program, such as has been suggested in the survey, will be of major importance to the town, not only in better facilities for education of its youth, but will be an asset to attract substantial people for future citizens. Vision and courage at this time, combined with the appreciation of the value of schools to the community, will return excellent profit on the investment. Purchase of land and development of plans and specifications for building a high school and one elementary school now would make it possible to take advantage of any Federal or State funds available at the end of the War.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the teachers, principals, supervisors, and especially the School Committee for the cooperation which they have given me during these three difficult war years. Their counsel and encouragement have made it possible for me to continue meeting the complex problems of this period. With such cooperation and aid, all of us working together can improve our present school organization to the end that it will give greater service to our youth and will be the pride of the civic and educational life of our town.

AGE-GRADE TABLE — OCTOBER 1, 1944

Age	Opportunity	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	Total
5 Years		96												96
6 "		136	54											190
7 "	2	26	122	53										203
8 "	6	1	17	90	50									164
9 "	4		4	23	80	52	1							164
10 "	11			6	29	74	49	1						170
11 "	7				5	26	82	57						177
12 "	2				1	9	21	100	47					180
13 "					2	5	6	16	96	39				164
14 "	1					2	2	12	27	79	55			178
15 "								5	11	24	104	48		192
16 "									1	8	35	91	54	189
17 "									1		5	27	72	105
18 "											1	4	8	13
19 "													3	3
20 "														
21 " and over													1	1
Total	33	259	197	172	167	168	161	191	183	150	200	170	138	2189

# READING HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Class of 1944

## Program

RAISING OF FLAG and PLAYING OF COLORS  
PROCESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

AMERICA

Smith

Audience, Senior Class, and Band

PRAYER—Rev. William E. Billingham

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## Salutatory

“Frontiers in Science for Youth”

Charles Hutchings Field, Jr.

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TORCH ORATION

Edward Sheldon Knudson, Class President

ESSAY—“Vocational Education in the Future”

Ruth Arline White, Faculty Honors

ESSAY—“Your Home in 194?”

Barbara Jeane Fienemann, Class Honors

ESSAY—“New Frontiers for Youth in Art”

Janet Mildred Bird, Faculty Honors

ESSAY—“Frontiers in Medicine”

Richard A. Condon, Class Honors

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## Valedictory

“New Frontiers in Social Work”

Elizabeth Lou Galley

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CERTIFICATION OF CLASS

ACCEPTANCE OF CERTIFICATION OF GRADUATES

Dr. Elbridge C. Grover, Superintendent of Schools

CONFERRING SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Rudolf Sussmann, Headmaster

CONFERRING DIPLOMAS

Irving C. Austin, Chairman of School Board

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Led by Class President Edward Sheldon Knudson

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Smith

Audience, Senior Class, and Band

BENEDICTION—Rev. William E. Billingham

RECESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

## GRADUATION CLASS READING HIGH SCHOOL 1944

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Jessie Scott Althoff  
Donald Thomas Ahearn \*  
George Paige Albee  
Rose Mary Arancio  
Elaine Austin  
Ruth Janet Batchelder  
Marilyn Jean Bates  
Janet Mildred Bird  
Florence Edith Bogan  
Parker L. Bogan  
Roland James Boyd, Jr.  
Patricia Anne Bradley  
Ellen Lorraine Broderick  
Muriel Jane Brotherton  
Robert Harry Bryant  
Shirley Genevieve Campbell  
Thomas Lothrop Chadwick  
Constance Chesley  
Wesley L. D. Chisholm \*  
Shirley Marie Clancy  
Barbara Dawn Coan  
Richard A. Condon  
Louise Davis  
Lawrence George Desmond  
Anna Marie Dickinson  
Alice Rose Dickson  
Gerald Richard Domin \*  
Anne Theresa Donahue  
James Stephen Doran  
Dorothy Joan Doucette

William Jackson  
George Weld Jewett  
Marguerite Loretta Jones  
Carol L. Knight  
Edward Sheldon Knudson  
Edward Anthony Koptuck  
Gloria Mildred Lake  
Robert Edward Lander  
Charles Harris Lench, Jr. \*  
Marion L. Lent  
Henrietta M. Lewis  
Warren N. Lewis  
Dorothy Evelyn Libbey  
Elsie Jeannette Libbey  
Alma Lindberg  
Phyllis May Lindquist  
Lillian Aileen Lowell  
Donald Stevens Lydstone  
Peter Daniel MacDonald \*  
Jean MacLeod  
Marie C. MacPherson  
Velma Lee Mason  
Margaret G. McGrath  
Edna Winifred Menchions  
Paul Mich, Jr.  
Penn Knox Micheline  
Frieda Elaine Murray  
Helen Anna Nigro  
Margaret T. O'Keeffe  
Winston Cornell Oliver



Arthur E. Doucette  
 Patricia Phelps Dow  
 Theresa Lucienne Dube  
 Walter Manning Earley, Jr.  
 Jean Dorris Eisenhaure  
 Elizabeth Vaughan Fairclough  
 Charles Hutchings Field, Jr.  
 Barbara Jeane Fienemann  
 Jeanne M. Foley  
 Jean Ann Frongillo  
 Violet Louise Frye  
 Michael C. Gaffney, Jr.  
 Arthur Edward Gallant  
 Elizabeth Lucy Galley  
 Laura M. Gillis  
 Ruth G. Graupner  
 Edith Elaine Gray  
 M. Elizabeth Guild  
 Bernard James Hagan, Jr.  
 Drusilla Harding  
 Janet Harris  
 John Woodbury Harrison, Jr.  
 Alice Irene Harvey  
 Claire Irene Henderson  
 Francis Hennessy  
 Roland Winterton Higgins  
 Leslie Greenleft Hodgkins, Jr.  
 Janice Winifred Humphrey  
 Margaret Ruth Hunt  
 James Earl Ireland, Jr.  
 Mary Elizabeth Irons

Josephine C. Pacillo  
 Gail Packer  
 Marie Theresa Palumbo  
 Jean Pestana  
 Alice Marie Reardon  
 Muriel Reebeacker  
 Dorothy Jane Roberts  
 Richard Ernest Rogers  
 Dorothy Catherine Runge  
 Rodney James Rust  
 Carl F. Ryan  
 William Roland Schofield  
 Richard P. Shaw  
 Virginia A. Snow  
 Donald Frederick Spindler  
 Edward Homer Stanley, Jr.  
 Nancy Marie Steber  
 Robert D. Stevens  
 Arlene L. Surette  
 Allan H. Teel  
 Norma Lee Titcomb  
 Richard A. Turner  
 Joan T. Twomey  
 Lorraine A. Valido  
 Jean Elizabeth Wakeling  
 William Morton Warren  
 Donald Webster  
 Alice Diane Wheeler  
 Ruth Arline White  
 Merrill B. Wilmot \*  
 Nerses Zeytoonian

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**AND**

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PROGRAM**

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## FOREWORD

This study was made at the request of the School Committee of Reading, and is an attempt to assist that Committee in improving school plant conditions in Reading. The request was made through Dr. E. C. Grover, Superintendent of Schools, and all the work was done with the able assistance of Dr. Grover and his secretarial staff. Data used were secured from the files of the Superintendent, and from other offices of the town government, particularly from the Engineer's office and the town Planning Board. All assistance is gratefully acknowledged; the report is submitted with the sincere hope that it will be of real service to the youth of Reading.

# **SCHOOL PLANT SURVEY**

for the

## **TOWN OF READING, MASS.**

### **Introduction**

There is grave danger that a school plant<sup>1</sup> survey report, prepared by one not officially connected with the school district being studied, may contain a mass of statistical data, technical language, and educational philosophies and theories of little value to the average layman who may wish to know what are the school plant conditions in his community, and what improvements, if any, should be made. And it is "the average layman"—the butcher, the baker, the laborer, the minister, the parents of children—who should glean from such a report information that will encourage him to cooperate in supporting a good system of public education for all the children of his school district.

This report is an attempt to follow, for the town of Reading, the same procedure that the writer follows daily in his work with the many school districts in New York State — that is, to present in as clear and simple language as possible an evaluation of the present school plant, and to suggest a plan of improvement and expansion that not only will provide a complete, safe, and adequate school plant for immediate needs, but also will permit the gradual expansion of the plant to accommodate possible and anticipated changes in enrolment, school organization, the educational program, and methods of teaching.

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<sup>1</sup>Throughout this report the term "school plant" includes all the buildings and sites that are used in administering the complete educational program of the district.

## **The Need for Long-Range School Plant Planning**

No school committee, board of education, or educational group — in fact, no community — can render its best service in education unless it realizes that public education is the foundation of our form of government and our way of life, and that it is a permanent institution that must be protected, nurtured, expanded, and kept vitally alive to the changing needs of the society which it serves. In so doing, those to whom the education of youth is entrusted must make many decisions in matters of policy, both educational and financial. Especially in reference to the school plant must these decisions be weighed carefully, and made with vision and foresight. A course of study adopted, a transportation contract made, a method of teaching experimented with, can be changed in a relatively short time or with comparative ease; but a building located and constructed will remain for many years either to bless or to plague both those who were responsible for it, and those following who must carry on with it. Expediency followed under the guise of economy today can become very, very expensive tomorrow. It is for this reason that a well-developed long-range school plant planning program is the safest insurance against future waste, for it will permit the expansion and development of the school plant to keep pace with the growth and changes in educational practices, with a minimum expenditure for duplication or replacement of school buildings poorly planned or incorrectly located.

In order to plan for school plant facilities of the future while providing adequately for the present, it is necessary to attempt to estimate what the problems of education of the future may be — that is, estimates must be made on approximately how many children there will be to educate, where they will be located within the district, how they will be organized into teaching units, what subject matter will be taught, and how it will be taught.

In addition to these attempted estimates and judgments on the future, it is necessary to evaluate the existing school plant in terms of present and probable future needs, so that sound decisions can be made as to the disposition of the existing plant, what units should be abandoned immediately, what ones should be kept for a limited time, what facilities should be marked for retention and improvement, and what new facilities should be planned, both for immediate and future construction.

Naturally all of these considerations must be tied in with the economic structure of the district, so that the financing of the school plant and its operation will be in line with the ability of the political unit to provide **all** the public services required of it. Need must always be balanced against ability to pay.

## The Existing School Plant

In order to evaluate school buildings and grounds, there must be some sort of a yardstick with which to measure. In other words, it cannot be said that a school building is good, bad, or indifferent unless there is a set of standards against which comparisons are made. A brief and simplified list of such standards, with a short discussion of each, follows:

1. A school building must provide **safety** for children, teachers, and other employees. Hazards in a school may be classified roughly into four categories, as
  - 1.1. The hazards of minor accidents, such as falls, cuts, burns, bruises, brought on by such things as faulty stairs or steps, slippery floors, dark passageways, sharp projections, bad playground surfaces or equipment, and similar conditions.
  - 1.2. The hazards of impaired bodily functions, brought on by such conditions as poor light, either natural or artificial, seating that develops bad posture, and poor accoustical properties in classrooms that create nervousness and related conditions.
  - 1.3. The hazards of communicable or infectious diseases, induced or augmented by poor ventilation, inadequate heating, and lack of cleanliness, especially around toilets, showers, lockers, and wash basins.
  - 1.4. The hazards of major catastrophes, such as fires, explosions, wind storms, and floods.
2. A school building should be planned for **utility**. It should provide adequate and suitable space for the work to be carried on therein. It must be evident to anyone who reads this statement, that such adequacy and suitability of space can be determined only after the "work to be carried on" is defined specifically in terms of the number of pupils to be housed, the organization of these pupils into teaching or learning groups, the educational program to be offered, and the methods of teaching to be followed.

The same principle applies also to the school plant as a whole. The complete educational job to be done for the entire district should determine the number, location, type, and size of schools, keeping in mind both present and probable future needs.

3. A school building should be planned for **economy**. But economy must not be confused with cheapness. Economy in schoolhouse planning means that there is a maximum of usable space and a corresponding minimum of waste space, so that the educational program, both within a given building and throughout the entire



system, can be administered with efficiency and resulting economy; and that the structure itself is of such design and quality of materials as to permit efficient and economical mechanical operation coupled with low-cost maintenance. A truly economical building permits a high degree of utilization, economical operation, low-cost maintenance, and ready expansion. Cheapness invariably results in the opposite of these conditions.

4. A school building should have **beauty**. One of the fundamental objectives of education is to develop within children the love of the true, the good, and the beautiful; and there seems to be no better way to start this development than to surround the child daily with simple beauty. Fortunately it costs very little more to create a school and its immediate environment with beauty and good taste, than to produce the dull, foreboding structures that are all too typical, and supposedly representing economy. The gaudy "ginger-bread" type of structure has no merit at all, as it exhibits neither economy nor beauty.

The following evaluation of the school plant of Reading is based, therefore, on a measure of the individual buildings and sites in terms of **safety, utility, economy, and beauty**, and in terms of the relative value of each building to the school system as a whole.

### **The Chestnut Hill, Prospect, and Lowell Buildings**

These can be discussed together, because with a few exceptions, conditions in all three buildings are similar. The Chestnut Hill building has only two classrooms, while each of the other two has four classrooms. These latter buildings are two-story structures, while the first named is a one-story building. All three are frame buildings, and were built in 1870, 1887, and 1890 respectively, making them 74, 57, and 54 years old. None of them has any of the features of a modern elementary school, and it is safe to say that the excellent work being done therein is doubly commendatory because it is entirely without the valuable aid that modern building facilities can render. The teachers' success is in spite of, rather than on account of, the buildings.

These buildings not only lack the facilities for offering a complete elementary program involving development in health, music, science, hand-work, and group activities, but each school is so small that it would be extremely uneconomical to attempt to provide such facilities at each school. It is fairly generally accepted among educators and school business officials that, from both the viewpoint of educational efficiency and economy of operation, the enrolment of the ideal elementary school

should lie somewhere between 300 and 600<sup>1</sup>. This will permit efficient and economical grouping of children, and the resulting efficient and economical use of teachers, while at the same time there will be sufficient children to develop the larger group activities in music, drama, and organized play so necessary in elementary education. This seems to be the size of school wherein children can learn to live together in larger groups without loss of identity.

If the foregoing statements are reasonably accurate, then these three buildings do not rate high in either utility or economy. Certainly it need not be argued that they contribute anything in the development of appreciation for the beautiful. They contribute nothing for the child on that score, and nothing to the community in which each is located.

As to the matter of safety in these buildings, it is very difficult to convince some people that a building is unsafe if it has been used for some time and "nothing has happened." It is very easy to adopt the attitude that "It Can't Happen Here." And no report such as this should be used to frighten parents into thinking that their children are in constant danger while they are in school. But on the other hand it would be unwise not to point out any existing hazardous conditions.

Exit from the Chestnut Hill School seems comparatively simple since this is a one-story building, with exits practically at grade. But the Prospect and Lowell buildings each have two classrooms on the second floor. It is true that each building has two stairways leading from the second floor, but in the Prospect building one of these stairways is so completely hidden and inaccessible that it was not discovered by the writer in his recent inspection of the building.

But regardless of the two stairways, these buildings are hazardous because they are constructed completely of wood—and any building that will burn is hazardous. In order to emphasize this point, it is worthwhile to quote from a pamphlet entitled 1000 School Fires, published by the National Fire Protection Association in Boston. The first quotation concerns the burning of the Lakewood elementary school at Collinwood, Ohio, on March 4, 1908, between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. One hundred seventy-three children and two teachers lost their lives.

"At the time (of the fire) the Collinwood schoolhouse was considered a modern building of average construction. . . . The building was provided with **two separate exits** and an outside fire escape. The

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<sup>1</sup>Edwin C. Broome, in the 1941 issue of the Phi Delta Kappan, recommends 300-400 enrolment and class groups of 25-30 as the ideal elementary school.

Leo J. Brueckner, in *The Changing Elementary School*, Report of the Regents' Inquiry (New York) recommends "approximately" 600 in grades K-6.

children were familiar with the fire drill. All in all there was nothing unusual in connection with the school to indicate that such a horrible catastrophe could happen. There remain hundreds of schools by no means as well constructed or secure against such a loss as was the Collinwood School." It should be pointed out here that this was not an all-frame building, but was almost exactly of the same brick wall and interior wood frame construction as the Highland school.

The second quotation, from the same pamphlet, concerns the destruction by fire of the Parochial School at Peabody, Mass., October 28, 1915, at 9 a.m., during which 22 children lost their lives.

"The building was a large and roomy structure, having exits thought to be ample for the number of children housed. Many times at fire drills it had been vacated in a minute and a half. The children were well disciplined, but they had only been trained to leave the building by the way of the two usual exits. Unfortunately this line of march led directly into the corridor where the smoke and fire were pouring up from the basement. While the exits provided were all the law required, these were not adequate to provide proper safety."

Three interesting facts are brought out in tables on pages 35, 37, and 44 respectively, of this pamphlet. First, of the 1,000 fires, 287 were in public elementary schools and 255 in public junior or senior high schools; second, of the 1,000 fires, 720 were in classroom buildings; and third, of the 1,000 fires, **444 were in buildings of brick, stone, or concrete with wooden interior**, 181 were in frame buildings, and 34 were in fire-resistive buildings. There were 650 lives lost in the elementary and high school buildings.

It seems fair to conclude that the Chestnut Hill, Prospect and Lowell Schools have only to a very low degree, the factors of safety, utility, economy and beauty,—that they have served their purpose, have outlived their usefulness, and should be replaced immediately. The manner of replacement is discussed in a later portion of the report.

**The Highland School**—This two-story building, constructed in 1896, is 48 years old, but still of fairly pleasing appearance, and will require careful consideration to give it its proper rating in the total school plant program. It now houses approximately 350 children and 12 teachers in grades one through six. There is one teacher only for each of the first four grades, but four teachers for the 5th grade and a like number for the 6th grade. This is because the children of the 5th and 6th grades of the Chestnut Hill, Prospect, and Lowell School areas all attend the Highland School. This building can be evaluated best by balancing its assets against its liabilities.

On the credit side this building is fairly well located to serve the present pupil population living north of the B and M tracks and west of Main street, and now attending both Highland and Lowell schools.

Likewise the capacity of this building is in its favor, as it can accommodate between 300 and 350 children in the elementary grades, **in so far as classroom space alone is concerned.**

The large classrooms can be definitely advantageous, if they are used to encourage the type of pupil-teacher activity of the modern elementary program. But the large area must not be used merely to increase the number of pupils per teacher, on the assumption that economy may be effected.

On the debit side, there are many items that should weigh heavily in the final disposition of this building. In the first place, and of greatest importance, the building is not fire-resistive, and therefore must be placed in the category of fire-hazardous, even though it seems to be of excellent brick and frame construction. It has already been pointed out that 444 of the 1,000 schools destroyed by fire were of this same type of construction. It is almost axiomatic to say that this type of building is hazardous largely because it appears to be so safe. A fire in this type of building burns with greater intensity because it is confined within walls that often serve as a flue. Fortunately such a building can, by great care and proper treatment, be made reasonably fire-safe.

Chief among the liabilities of this building, both in terms of safety and utility, are the poor assembly room located on the second floor, the classrooms located off the assembly room rather than off the corridor (such design should **never** be permitted), the winding stairs supposedly designed as safety exits, and the basement toilets. The lack of a gymnasium is a definite handicap to a good health program, either in elementary or high school. This fact seems to have been overlooked completely throughout the Reading school system, except for the Junior High School. This same statement can be made for an adequate well-developed playground. At least five acres are necessary for an elementary school of grades one through six.

The last feature of this building to be listed as a liability is its age and inevitable deterioration. Nothing has been said so far concerning the mechanical features, such as artificial lighting, heat, ventilation, and plumbing. These always can be improved, but in a building the age of this one, the cost of maintenance and repair on both the structure itself and on these mechanical features, can reach the point eventually where complete replacement is the most economical answer. The Highland School probably will reach that point within the next decade. Considering the more urgent needs in other areas, and the apparent financial limitations of the district, it should not be unwise to spend around \$10,000 to make the building reasonably safe, and to help it survive throughout that decade. Eventually, however, the spread of pupil population toward the northwest in the area served by this school and the abandonment of the Lowell Street School, will necessitate the location of

a new school replacing the Highland and Lowell Street Schools to the northwest, nearer the center of area to be served; it should be placed on a site of ample acreage to meet the needs of the school.

**The Pearl Street School**—Little can be or need be said in criticism of this building, for it is evident that it will remain as one of the permanent units in a complete school plant. Erected in 1939 of fire-resistive material, on a site that can be extended and developed to meet all the requirements of a good school site, and designed in good taste, the Pearl Street building can, with some future alterations and with the addition of a gymnasium, meet all the requirements of a high-grade elementary school. Since this building now has the most to offer in the way of satisfactory facilities, only minor improvements need be scheduled for immediate consideration.

The chief criticism that may be made of this building is the exorbitant amount of unnecessary waste space in the basement. Contrary to much popular opinion, this is NOT cheap space, for the amount of use that can be made of it does not warrant its construction. Sunlight and clean air are cheap but valuable factors in the development of healthy, happy children, and these cannot be obtained in cavernous school rooms built six or eight feet below the ground. It is doubtful if there is ever any legitimate excuse for building any part of a school building below grade except the boiler and fuelrooms, and possibly some janitorial service and storage rooms.

The evaluation of the elementary buildings may be summarized as follows:

The Chestnut Hill, Lowell Street, and Prospect buildings lack virtually all the characteristics that make for safety, utility, economy, and beauty, and should be replaced immediately in a plan of reorganization of the elementary schools of the district.

The Highland School, tho lacking many of the characteristics of a good elementary building, can, because of its size and location, be made to serve the district for several years, or until deterioration of the building and growth of population make it unwise to keep the building longer. Studied improvements should be made for temporary continuance, but vigorous steps must be taken to see that the building is as safe as it can reasonably be made.

The Pearl Street School is an excellent building. Future improvements should be planned for overcoming certain shortcomings, such as lack of indoor physical education facilities and ample playgrounds, but these may be postponed until more immediate needs of the district are met.

**The Walter S. Parker Junior High School**—This building, constructed in 1926-27 of durable and fire-resistive materials, and planned functionally to house a modern program for junior high school youth,



is one of two buildings in the entire school plant that should be retained as a permanent unit. This building and the Pearl Street elementary building must of necessity constitute the core of any plan of school plant expansion. Because of this fact these buildings will influence the plan to a considerable degree, but great care must be taken that they do not dominate the plan to the extent that the over-all educational program may suffer.

The special rooms in the Junior High School provide space for three shop teachers, two homemaking teachers, two science teachers, one art teacher, and one librarian. If sufficient additional space is assigned to laboratory work in social studies and to music, and some space retained for a 9th grade study group, the maximum functional capacity of the building is approximately 640. This is based on the assumption that the non-special recitation groups, such as those in English, foreign languages, or mathematics, do not exceed 30 pupils per group.

The features of this building that may be criticized with fairness, and which should be marked for improvement in the over-all planning program, are the auditorium, the gymnasium, the art room, and possibly the library. Specific details of suggested improvements will be discussed in that part of the report in which a long-range planning program is developed.

**The Senior High School**—This building constitutes one of the real problems in the over-all school plant situation in Reading. The problem is difficult not only because, in terms of modern educational practices and building standards the building is inadequate, outmoded, and impossible of satisfactory expansion; but also because so many sincere and earnest citizens who have secured their high school education within the walls of this building, and who, as laymen, have not been able to keep pace with the changing trends in secondary education, cannot see what can be wrong with it that a little repair and remodeling, with perhaps a small addition or two, won't cure.

Before any major alterations or additions could be made to this building it would be at least forty years old. It is of the typical brick and frame construction of its day, and in terms of safety, just as safe as this type of construction will permit. Conditions here are similar to those in the Highland School. The heating and ventilation are below standard, and the artificial light is exceedingly poor. The toilet system is very bad, and the general design and condition of the building are such as to make the problem of cleanliness difficult.

Unfortunately a description of this building in terms of structural materials can in no sense serve as an evaluation of the building in terms of the educational needs of the district. Considering the age of the pupils housed therein and their ability to take care of themselves in an emergency, it is doubtful if lack of safety could be advanced as a reason for constructing a new high school. Nor could lack of aesthetic qualities



be used for such a purpose, although in its present condition, the building is certainly about as colorless, drab, and unimpressive as it could possibly be. But in terms of utility, this building is completely lacking in many of the features and facilities that are absolutely essential to a good secondary school program of education. And the design and room arrangement make it almost prohibitive in cost to obtain some of these facilities in this structure, while the location and restricted site make it impossible to obtain others. The facilities referred to include an auditorium for school and community purposes, a gymnasium, and possibly an indoor swimming pool adequate to insure a program of health and physical well-being for **all** the children of the school, shower and locker facilities, an adequate cafeteria, a social studies laboratory, an art room commensurate with the excellent art work now being done in the school, a music studio, and a site of 20 to 40 acres that will permit the organization and administration of a program of outdoor physical education and recreation, paying dividends immeasurable in terms of money. This listing is not all-inclusive, but even so, it may seem to some like the dream of an irresponsible idealist. But these facilities can be found today in thousands of modern high school buildings throughout the land, in communities where the wealth per capita is no greater than in Reading, but where the vision is far-reaching and the ideals for youth development are high. In terms of human values, there is a real practical demand for such a school in Reading.

The evaluation of the high school buildings may be summarized briefly as follows:

The Junior High School is modern in design and construction, can accommodate adequately between 600 and 650 junior high school pupils, and must be kept in the school plant for that purpose. Some improvements are desirable, which may be postponed without serious results.

The Senior High School has become completely outmoded by the changing practices and requirements in secondary education, and is in such a restricted location that the building should be abandoned and replaced on a new site with a completely modern secondary school plant.

### **The School Plant Planning Program**

With the hope that the final recommendations presented in this report may appeal to the reader as the outgrowth of a logical and orderly

study of the school plant needs of the town of Reading, the complete long-range planning program is developed through a series of four major problems. These are (1) determining the educational job to be done, (2) outlining a complete school plant necessary for that job, (3) determining the best use to be made of existing plant facilities, and (4) setting up a schedule for the orderly development of the school plant, considering both the structural and financial aspects. Each problem is presented as a series of questions, the answers to which set forth both the recommendations for school plant planning and the reasons back of these recommendations. Each problem is outlined as follows:

Problem 1.—Determining the educational job to be done.

Question 1.1—How many children will need to be housed and educated over a given period of time?

" 1.2—Where will the children live within the district?

" 1.3—How will the children be grouped as to grade organization?

" 1.4—What subjects will be taught, and what activities carried on?

" 1.5—What teaching method that may affect the school planning will be used?

Problem 2.—Outlining a complete school plant necessary for the educational job.

Question 2.1—How many school buildings will be needed?

" 2.2—Where should they be located?

" 2.3—What grades should each building house?

" 2.4—What pupil capacity should each building have?

Problem 3.—Determining the best use to be made of the existing school plant facilities.

Question 3.1—What buildings should be abandoned immediately?

" 3.2—What buildings should be conditioned for limited use?

" 3.3—What buildings should be retained as part of the permanent school plant?

" 3.4—What major alterations and expansion should be made on existing buildings and sites?

Problem 4.—Setting up a schedule for the orderly development of the total school plant.

Question 4.1—What new buildings are needed immediately?

" 4.2—What major improvements in existing facilities should be made immediately?

" 4.3—In what probable order will other new buildings be needed?

" 4.4—When should new sites be chosen?

" 4.5—When should non-urgent improvements in existing facilities be made?

" 4.6—What are the financial problems involved in the orderly development of the total school plant?

Problem 1.—Determining the educational job to be done.

Question 1.1—How many children will need to be housed and educated over a given period of time?

Attempting to estimate accurately the pupil enrolment of a given school district for a given future date is not a simple task, as anyone can learn by checking the predictions of a few school surveys made fifteen or twenty years ago. Unpredictable factors such as war, depressions, business booms, sudden shifts of large industrial plants or business concerns, can and do upset the most carefully made statistical estimates. Even in the non-industrial, steadily growing town of Reading has this occurred, as may be attested by an analysis of the school plant survey made in 1929 by Dr. Jesse B. Davis of Boston University, and published as a part of the Annual Report of the School Committee for 1930. Dr. Davis' report contains many fine recommendations, some of which have been carried out, and others which are still worthy of consideration.

In his study Dr. Davis used the same techniques for predicting population and enrolment that have been used rather consistently by many statisticians and survey workers. He tabulated the population and enrolment figures for the ten-year period preceding his study, calculated the percentage increases of the last year of that period over the first year, then made his estimates for the next two ten-year periods on the assumption that that rate of increase would be maintained. What Dr. Davis and others of us could not foresee at that time was the approaching depression of the 1930-40 decade, or the coming of World War II. The havoc that these unpredictable events wrought on such estimates made at that time is best illustrated by the graphs in Figure 1, showing comparisons between Dr. Davis' enrolment predictions to 1944, and the actual enrolments to that date.

Total enrolment was stationary for three years, 1934 to 1936, then decreased steadily to the present time. Enrolment in grades 1-6 dropped sharply from 1936 to 1940, then shot up to the 1936 level. This cannot be attributed to the war-time increase in birth rate,<sup>1</sup> for that is just beginning to affect the first grade now. The curve for the Junior High School has paralleled closely the curve for total enrolment, while the Senior High School continued its meteoric rise of the past 40 years until the outbreak of the war, but the draft and high wages have all but depleted the ranks of this group. Undoubtedly this is only a temporary condition.

The predictions made by Dr. Davis for the year 1950 were as follows: (These are not shown in Figure 1.)

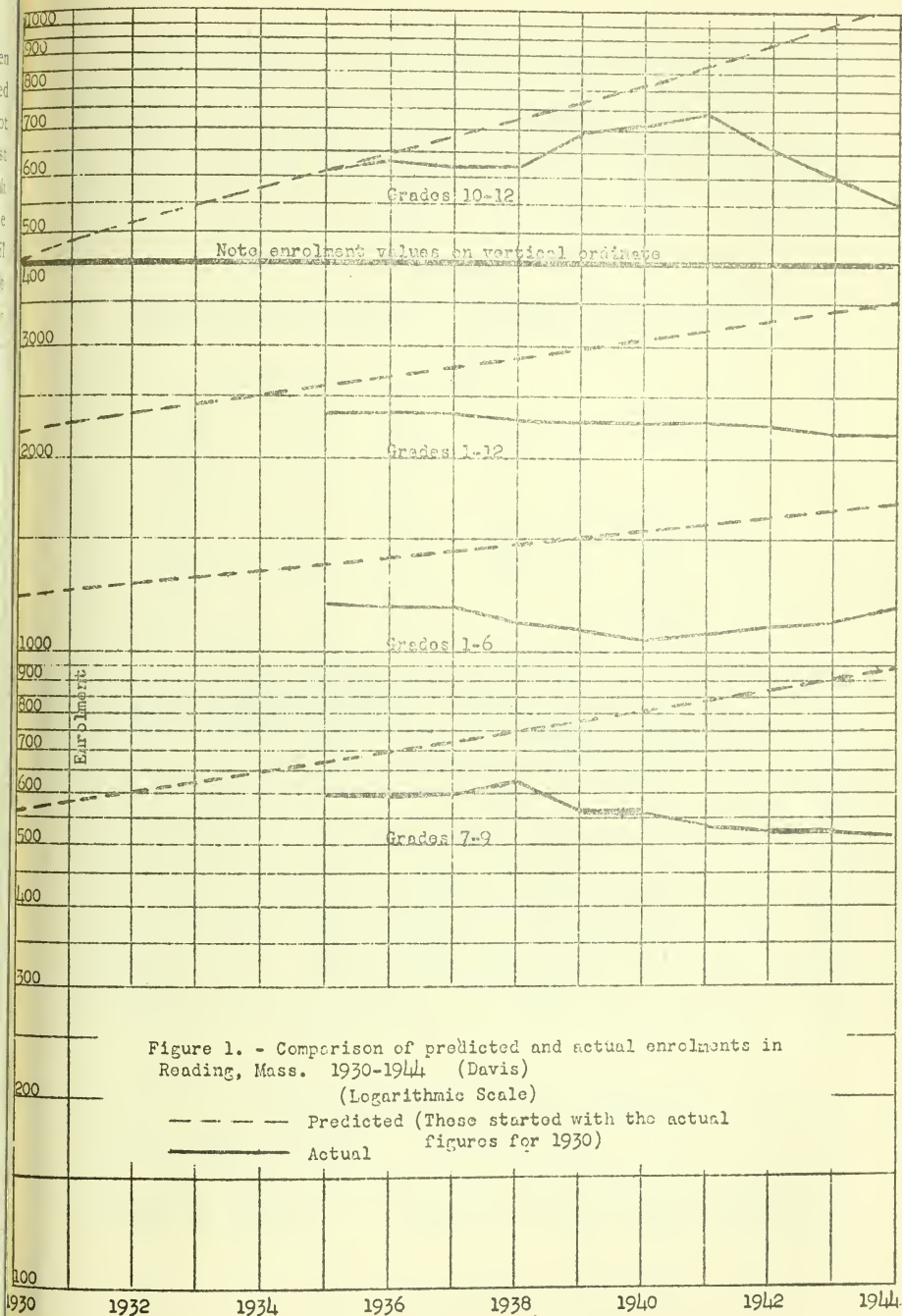
Grades	1—12	.....	4,228
"	1- 6	.....	1,932
"	7- 9	.....	1,136
"	10-12	.....	1,394
"	10-12 (conservative est.)	.....	1,000

If the same technique were followed today, using the trends from 1935 to 1944 to determine the 10-year change in enrolment, the predictions for 1950 would be:

Grades	1-12	.....	2,066
"	1- 6	.....	1,136
"	7- 9	.....	469
"	10-12	.....	462

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<sup>1</sup>The New York State and national birthrate had reached an all-time low in 1938, but at present the rate in New York State is the highest in its history. The Bureau of Vital Statistics predicts a secondary wave immediately following the soldiers' return, then a drop to the lowest rate in the national history.



There is entirely too much discrepancy between these two sets of figures, and yet if one set is logical, then who can say that the other is not? Still other predictions have been made on enrolment for 1950, one by the Reading Planning Board, and another by an official of Reading High School. These, together with the Davis predictions and the theoretical predictions based on the trends of 1935-44 are shown in Table I.

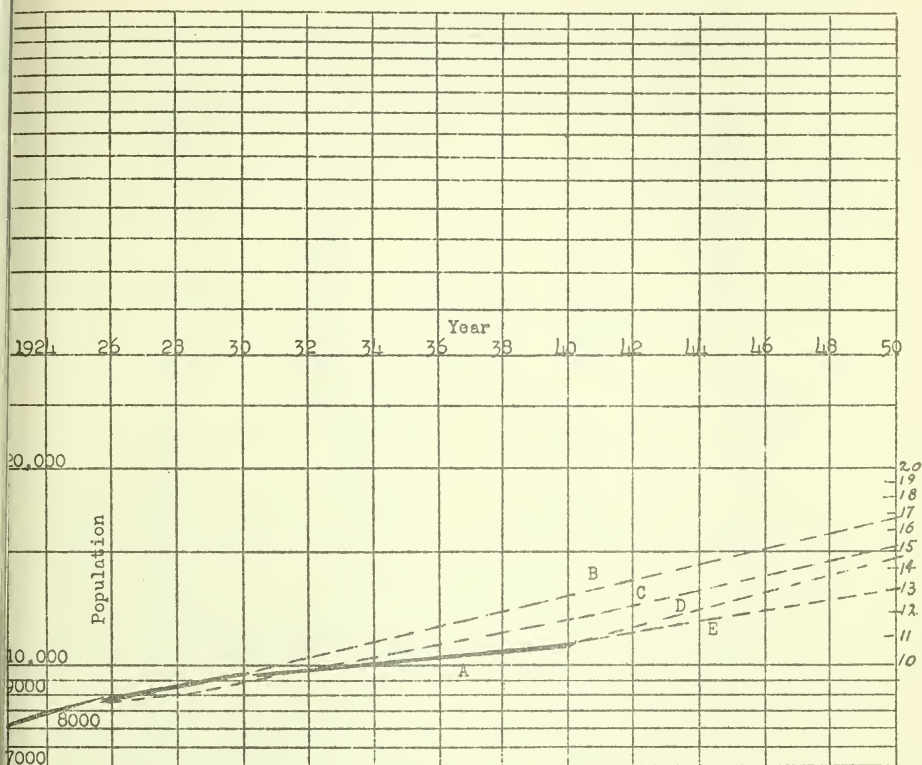
**TABLE I**  
**COMPARATIVE ENROLMENT ESTIMATES FOR 1950**

	Grades			
Estimates by	1-12	1-6	7-9	10-12
Davis	4,228	1,932	1,136	1,394
				1,000
1935-44 trend	2,066	1,136	469	462
Plan. Board	2,500	1,250	600	650
H. S. Official	....	....	....	753

It would seem from these figures and from the variations shown in Figure 1, that there is no reliable way of predicting future enrolments, and that any man's guess is as good as another's. There is some evidence, however, to substantiate the belief that such is not the case, and that fairly reliable predictions can be made for a reasonable period of time—perhaps not to exceed ten years. In the opinion of the writer, the basis upon which such predictions can be made is the degree of reliability with which **population** trends can be predicted, and the degree of consistent relationship between population and **elementary enrolment**. Or stated differently, workable predictions on enrolment can be made for a period of approximately ten years, from estimated population figures, first because population trends are fairly constant over that period of time, and may be estimated fairly reliably, and second, because the ratio of elementary children (the compulsory attendance group) to population, is reliably constant within a given district.

Figure 2, used to substantiate the statement on predicting population, shows the comparative estimates on **population** for the town of Reading, as made by Dr. Davis in his Schoolhouse Planning Program, by the Reading Planning Board, and by the Pitometer Co. Engineers, in a "Report on Water Distribution System of Reading, Mass., 1928." The figures from which the graphs in Figure 2 are plotted are shown in Table II.





- A - Actual population.
- B - Prediction by Dr. Davis.
- C - Prediction by Pitometer Engrs.
- D - Extension of 1940-1942 Est.
- E - Prediction by Planning Bd.

Figure 2. - Comparison of predicted and actual population figures in Reading, Mass.

1920-1950

(Logarithmic Scale)

**TABLE II**  
**POPULATION FIGURES AND ESTIMATES, 1920-1950**

Year	Dr. Davis	Estimates by Plan Bd.	Pit. Engrs.	Actual Population
1920	....	....	....	7,439
1925	....	....	....	8,693
1928	....	....	9,100	....
1930	....	....	9,566	9,747
1935	11,257	....	10,629	....
1940	12,768	....	11,892	10,866
1942	13,560	....	....	11,500*
1945	14,747	....	13,355	....
1950	16,726	13,000	15,018	14,036**

\*Estimated from sugar ration books issued in 1942.

\*\*Projected from the 1940 population through the 1942 estimate.

Two facts are noteworthy in Table II and Figure 2. First, that all predictions on population indicate a belief in a constantly increasing figure, and second, that the population of Reading actually has increased constantly from 1920 to 1940, with strong evidence that there was a continued increase from 1940 to 1942. The rate of increase from 1920 to 1930 was somewhat higher than the rate from 1930 to 1940, the period of the depression; but the apparent increase from 1940 to 1942 would seem to indicate a return to the 1920-1930 rate.

Because of the parallelism of the Davis, Pitometer, and Planning Board curves, and because of the probable return of the rate of increase after 1940 to the 1920-30 rate, this report is based upon an estimated population in Reading for 1950 of 14,000. It is also believed that the same rate of increase will maintain for at least five more years, and that by 1955 the population of Reading will be somewhere between 16,000 and 18,000,—probably nearer the first figure.

It was stated in the third paragraph preceding this one that “workable predictions on enrolment can be made . . . from estimated population figures . . . because the ratio of elementary children to population is reliably constant within a given district.” This statement is expanded here to outline the method used to estimate the probable enrolments for grades 1-6, K-6, 7-9, and 10-12.

1. The enrolment for grades 1-6 is estimated from a percentage relationship established between total population and that enrolment group.
2. The enrolment for grades K-6 is estimated by increasing the estimated enrolment of grades 1-6 by one-sixth.

3. The resident enrolment for grades 7-12 is estimated from grades K-6, on the basis that K-6 enrolment is to 7-12 enrolment as 55 is to 45, or that 7-12 should be 45% of K-12.
4. The **resident** enrolment for grades 10-12 is taken as 40% of resident enrolment for grades 7-12.
5. The total enrolment in grades 7-9 and 10-12 must be increased by estimated additions from parochial, private, and outside schools.

**TABLE III**  
**PERCENTAGES, ENROLMENT GRADES 1-6**  
**IS OF TOTAL POPULATION**

Year	Enrol. 1-6	Pop.	Per cent E/P
1922	894	7,900	11.3
1924	979	8,400	11.6
1926	1,098	8,900	12.3
1928	1,143	9,300	12.3
1930	1,204	9,747	12.4
1932	1,181	9,900	11.9
1934	1,183	10,100	11.7
1936	1,176	10,400	11.3
1938	1,107	10,600	10.4
1940	1,045	10,866	9.6
1942	1,092	11,500	9.5
1944	1,153	12,000	9.5

Table III is used to show the per cent that enrollment in grades 1-6 was of total population in Reading over the past 22 years, and to establish an average for estimating future elementary enrolment. It will be noted that the percentage of elementary enrolment to population increased slightly from 1922 to 1930, but since then it has decreased slowly to 1940. On estimated population it has remained static since 1940. Assuming that after the war there will be a rapid upturn in the construction of new houses to be occupied by young couples and beginning families, it seems reasonable that the ratio of elementary enrolment to population will return to at least 10 to 100, or 10%. Therefore, that figure is used in this report, and on the basis of 14,000 population in 1950, it is estimated that there should be approximately 1,400 children enrolled in grades 1-6 in Reading by 1950.

Over the past fourteen years it has been demonstrated many times in New York State that in a school district which builds up a modern secondary school plant with an educational program adapted to the needs of all the children in the district, the enrolment in grades 7-12 increases,

on account of the increased holding power of the high school, until it bears a ratio to the elementary school, grades K-6, of 45 to 55. This statement applies to resident pupils only,—that is, to high school pupils advancing from the elementary grades of the same district. Non-resident pupils, or pupils coming to the public high schools from parochial or private elementary schools, are not included in establishing this ratio.

There is no reason to believe that this same ratio will not hold for the state of Massachusetts, and especially for a non-industrial area such as Reading. Therefore, if we consider an elementary and kindergarten enrolment for Reading of 1,635 (1,400 —  $1/6$  of 1,400), there should be approximately 1,340 **resident** pupils in grades 7-12. On the basis of a 60-40 distribution of these between grades 7-9 and 10-12, there would be approximately 800 in the Junior High School and 540 in the Senior High School. To these must be added the non-resident 9th grade pupils in the Junior High, and the non-resident 10-12 grade pupils in the Senior High.

From accepted estimates prepared at Reading High in 1941, on non-resident high school pupils for 1950, the resident figures would need to be increased by approximately 100 and 185 respectively. The preceding enrolment estimates are brought together in Table IV.

**TABLE IV**  
**ESTIMATED POPULATION AND ENROLMENTS**  
**FOR READING, MASS. 1950 AND 1955**

	Resident 14,000	Total—1950 14,000	Total—1955 16,000
Population			
Enrolment in			
Grades 1—6	1,400	1,400	1,600
Grades K-6	1,635	1,635	1,865
Grades 7-9	800	900*	1,005*
Grades 10-12	540	725*	820*
Total Enrolment	2,975	3,260*	3,690*

\*Includes non-residents.

Problem 1.—Determining the educational job to be done.

Question 1.2.—Where will those children live within the district?

This question can be answered best by a study of Map A, prepared from a copy of the zoning map for the town of Reading. The children are not spotted individually, but the map is divided into six areas, and in each area the number of elementary children, the total number of houses, and the number of houses constructed since 1938, are indicated. These areas, labelled I, II, III, IV, V, and VI, are determined somewhat naturally by the main traffic lanes of the town. The data given on Map A is also presented in Table V.

TABLE V

**DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTARY CHILDREN, ALL HOMES,  
AND HOMES CONSTRUCTED SINCE 1938**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Elementary	%	All	%	Homes	%	Pct. New
	Children		Homes		Since	Homes/Total	Homes
					1938		
Area I	59	5	282	10	37	11.5	13
II	36	4	94	3	9	3	9.5
III	325	30	888	30	111	34.5	12.5
IV	270	25	599	21	48	15	8
V	138	13	385	13	66	20.5	17
VI	253	23	670	23	50	15.5	7.5
Totals	1,081	100	2,918	100	321	100.	11

Note 1.—The data used in this table were those used in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, in preparing spot maps of children and houses.

Note 2.—Areas I and II are north of Forest and Wakefield Streets. Areas V and VI are south of the B and M tracks. Areas I, III, V, and most of VI are west of Main Street.

It is evident from an inspection of Map A, supported by the data in Table V, that while most of the school children of Reading now live south of Forest Street and Wakefield Street, there was a steady growth over the entire district, before the war stopped all new home construction. At present, 66% of the homes and children are in areas III, V, and VI, and the number of new homes constructed in these areas constitute about 70% of all new homes constructed since 1938. The uniform rate of growth in all areas, however, is evidenced by the figures in Column 7 of Table V. And it is important to emphasize that if the rate of growth in the more congested areas is maintained, those areas will be the first to reach the point of home saturation, following which most of the growth must come in the areas now less congested. There is every reason to believe, from the evidence now available, that the town of Reading will grow relatively uniformly over its entire habitable area, and that eventually elementary schools will be needed in every section of the town.

A most interesting situation to be gleaned from Columns 2 and 4 in Table V is the almost perfect correlation between the percentage of elementary children and the percentage of homes in each area. Except for Areas I and IV, the figures are almost identical. The ratio of elementary children to homes is 1,081 to 2,918, or one child of grades 1-6 from 2.69 homes.

Problem 1.—Determining the educational job to be done.

Question 1.3—How will the children be grouped as to grade organization?

Question 1.4—What subjects will be taught, and what activities carried on.

Question 1.5—What teaching methods, that may affect the school planning, will be used?

These questions are grouped for a single brief discussion, because they are principally questions of school organization and administration, and must be settled outside the field of a strictly school plant survey. Since there is no concomitant educational survey being made for Reading, in which changes in organization, subject-matter offerings, and teaching methods might be discussed or recommended, the report must be based primarily on conditions in those areas as they are. These factors of organization and administration are basic to good school plant planning, however, and liberty is taken therefore to comment upon them, and to make some recommendations.

The fact that three of the elementary buildings house only grades one through four seems to have arisen purely as a matter of expediency, and not from any educational theory or imagined advantages that might accrue to the children. The existing buildings evidently are filled with children from the immediate neighborhoods, and those who cannot be placed in these buildings are sent somewhere else. At present the break between those who can't get in and those who can, is at the end of the fourth grade. Fortunately (?) there was some place else to send them. This method of determining educational organization occurs all too frequently, and cannot be condemned too severely. No doubt it saves money oftentimes; but perhaps communities who permit it should be reminded of the comment of a mid-western state superintendent of schools, who advised his school districts that, if their primary objective was to save money on their schools, they should close them and save all their money.

It is not clear why kindergartens are not operated in Reading, nor is it reasonable to say that they are absolutely essential to the organization of good elementary schools. The movement is spreading so rapidly throughout the country, however, that it is safe to assume that a large majority of both parents and educators see great merit in them. This report is based upon the belief that there is such merit, and that the ideal elementary school is organized on the grouping of the kindergarten and grades one through six in one building.

The inclusion of grades seven through twelve in the secondary school organization is sound, and no doubt will be continued. The separation of the junior and senior high school groups was partly intentional,



based upon an assumed advantage of separate groups, and partly economic because in 1929, when the junior high school building was erected, it did not seem feasible to replace the existing high school building. To-day the trend is away from separate junior and senior organizations.

On the educational side this trend arises partly as an attempt to offset a tendency to organize and administer the work of the Junior High School so that it is entirely independent or unrelated to the work of the Senior High School. The cure for this apparent evil is not necessarily in a single building for both groups, but in closer over-all supervision of the entire secondary school program, through the adoption of a uniform salary schedule that will attract equally qualified teachers into all levels of secondary teaching, and through the selection of teachers imbued with the philosophy that all of the activities of the secondary schools must be closely integrated. These things may be done successfully whether the junior and senior groups are in opposite ends of a building, or opposite ends of the town.

On the side of economy of operation, there is no doubt but that it would be somewhat cheaper to have all of the secondary school children of Reading in one building. There would be some saving both in the operation of the plant, and in the operation of the program. But these savings must be weighed against the inadvisability of bringing them together in a building and at a location that, over a long period of time, will not provide the best opportunities for growth and expansion. Here again economy must be considered not only in terms of money, but in terms of long-time educational efficiency.

In the realm of subject matter and methods of teaching, it is assumed that in the elementary schools there will be taught all of the fundamental subjects, plus music, art, handicrafts, science, and physical education, and that the same excellent teaching found in so many of the elementary classrooms, and requiring space for related but diversified activities, will be continued and developed throughout all the schools. In the high schools it is recommended strongly that the work in health and physical education, shop, and homemaking, be provided and expanded. It cannot be emphasized too much that health through physical education and recreation is possible for a great majority of our children, but that it can be secured only through the definite organization and administration of courses in this field for all of the children of the entire school system. The war has demonstrated our failure along this line.

Problem 2.—Outlining a complete school plant for the educational job to be done.

Question 2.1—How many school buildings will be needed?

For the elementary children, the total number of buildings required will be determined by the total number of children to be housed, and the

number to be assigned to each building, assuming that each building will accommodate an enrolment somewhere within the range of the ideal elementary school. This number has already been recommended as 300 to 600. If elementary buildings were to be planned for the enrolment estimated for the year 1955, which was 1,865 in grades K-6 (kindergarten through six), and if the average enrolment of 450 were to be housed in each, then there would be four such buildings planned. Since the range in enrolment for the ideal school varies from 300 to 600, it would be reasonable to consider a variation of from three to six buildings, depending on other determining factors. These factors are brought into the picture in determining the location of the buildings and the use to be made of existing buildings.

For the secondary school children, the ideal school plant would have one six-year high school building for an enrolment up to 2,000. Some authorities have estimated that no high school should have over 2,500 enrolment and that the ideal working group is between 1,500 and 2,000. The advantages of the single six-year building over separate junior and senior high school buildings has been discussed in the comments made on organization of the high schools under Problem I.

Unfortunately, perhaps, this report cannot recommend the development of a six-year high school building as an extension of the existing junior high school. If the anticipated enrolment of 1,825 in grades 7-12 within the next decade is reasonable, then the capacity of this building would need to be trebled, and neither the building nor the site would lend itself to such expansion without expenditures out of proportion to the advantages gained. Furthermore, the location of the Junior High School is not highly desirable for the entire secondary school program, especially when more suitable sites are available almost at the geographic and probable population center of the district. Therefore because the present Junior High School must be retained, two high school buildings are needed for the district.

Problem 2.—Outlining a complete school plant for the educational job to be done.

Question 2.2—Where should the school buildings be located?

If the population of a school district were distributed equally over its entire area, if there were no barriers to interfere with the travel of children to and from school, and if unrestricted sites were available, it would be comparatively simple to divide the district into areas each having 300 to 600 children, and locate an elementary school near the center of each area. But these conditions do not exist in the town of Reading. Main Street, an exceedingly high traffic highway, is a definite barrier to the unrestricted passage of children, especially those of the lower grades. Likewise the Boston and Maine tracks form a dangerous barrier between the children north and south of the right-of-way. Forest Street

and Wakefield Street are not high-traffic routes, but do form a rather natural division of that part of the district above the railroad tracks.

The total area south of the tracks comprises somewhat less than one-third the area of the entire district. There are at present approximately 400 children of grades 1—6 residing there. With the children of kindergarten age this number would reach approximately 470, which falls within the range of the ideal elementary school. Therefore there is need now for one elementary school to accommodate this area. From the evidence of available residential building space, rate of increase of new homes before the war, and extent of area in this section, the conclusion may be drawn that eventually two elementary schools will be required for this area. The final recommendation then is for two elementary schools, one near the center of Area V and the other near the center of Area VI. The latter should be constructed first, and the children beyond reasonable walking distance transported until increased enrolment demands the construction of the second school. While they are still available, sites of at least five acres should be secured for these schools.

There are now 325 elementary children residing in Area III, and 270 in Area IV. It is doubtful if the number of children in the elementary grades will ever exceed 600 in either of these areas, although this could happen in Area IV if it were completely built up. The recommendation is for one elementary school in each of these areas. The site for school III should be selected while land is available, and held until the Highland School is replaced. The Pearl Street School is already strategically located to serve Area IV, even though ideally it could have been placed nearer the center of the area.

It probably will be a long time before Areas I and II are sufficiently populated to require elementary buildings of their own. But when the Pearl Street School and the ultimate school for Area III cannot longer accommodate the children from these areas, a new building should be located near the center of that area having the larger number of children or the more rapid rate of growth, and the children of the remote area transported to this school. In the far distant future a school may be needed for that area.

Map B shows the recommended approximate locations of the ultimate elementary school buildings for Reading, without consideration for the availability of sites at the exact locations shown.

The geographical center of the district lies in the small block just west of Main Street, between Hillside and Ridge Roads. The center of population now is south of this point, but is steadily moving northward. Directly west of this point a short distance lies the Birch Meadow playground, a tract of some 32 acres, part of which is already developed. This land belongs to the town, but could be set aside for school purposes. There is high ground adjacent to the east, between Birch Meadow and

Main Street, which would provide an excellent setting for a building. With a high school located here, the entire plot could be developed gradually, so that within a reasonable period of time, complete facilities for all phases of the educational program and school and community activities could be made available. It is strongly recommended that the senior high school be located at this point.

Problem 2.—Outlining a complete school plant for the educational job to be done.

Question 2.3—What grades should each building be planned to house?

Question 2.4—What capacity should each building have?

From the discussion of previous sections of the report these questions may be answered in a few sentences. Each elementary building should be planned to house a kindergarten and grades one through six. The building recommended for immediate construction in Area VI should be planned for a capacity of 450 to 500. The anticipated buildings in Areas III and V will require the same capacity, although when the one in Area V is needed, it may be possible to build a smaller first unit of 300 capacity, but design it for economical expansion to its ultimate capacity. This same procedure probably will be possible for the remotely anticipated buildings in Areas I and II. The capacity of the Pearl Street building now is approximately 450.

The capacity of the Junior High School is rated at about 600. This should not be increased. When additional space for the anticipated increase in enrolment is needed, it is recommended that such space be provided by the extension of the Senior High School, provided, of course, that that school is located at Birch Meadow or on a similarly adequate site. This would create a six-year secondary unit there, and would accommodate all of the junior high school pupils from the northern part of the district.

The recommended senior high school should be planned for approximately 800 pupils in grades 10-12. The building must be planned for easy extension, whether to accommodate an overflow of junior high school pupils from the Walter S. Parker School, an increase in grades 10-12, or a change in organization that would add grades 13 and 14 to the secondary schools. It should be planned also for community use, and all the major assembly units, such as the auditorium, gymnasium, library, cafeteria, and swimming pool, if one is provided, should be planned now for maximum capacity, as it is difficult to increase the capacity of these units, once they are set.

Problem 3.—Determining the best use of the existing facilities.

Question 3.1—What buildings should be abandoned immediately?

From a reading of the evaluation of the school plant it is evident that the Chestnut Hill, Prospect, and Lowell buildings should be abandoned immediately. The new school recommended for immediate construction in Area VI would accommodate all the children now housed in the Chestnut Hill and Prospect buildings, while the children from the Lowell School would be assigned to the Highland School until that building is replaced.

It is equally evident that a new high school building is recommended to replace the present senior high school building. Sufficient reasons, that need not be repeated here, already have been given for this recommendation. It follows then that, on the completion of a new high school building, the present building should be abandoned for school purposes.

Problem 3.—Determining the best use of the existing facilities.

Question 3.2—What buildings should be conditioned for limited use?

The Highland elementary building is the only one that falls in this category. The condition of this building has been discussed thoroughly, pointing out both its assets and liabilities. With reasonable remodelling for temporary continuance, it can be made to serve approximately 300 children. Conditions will be much less than ideal in many details, but the need for immediate replacement is not mandatory. These facts, however, must be kept in mind:

First, the building is highly combustible, demanding that every effort be made to make the building reasonably fire-safe, and

Second, the age of the building and ordinary deterioration due to type of construction will require its replacement within a reasonably short period of time—possibly within ten years.

Problem 3.—Determining the best use of the existing facilities.

Question 3.3—What buildings should be retained as part of the permanent school plant?

Reading has two modern and substantial buildings and wisdom dictates that the future development of the entire plant should be orientated from them. These are the Pearl Street School and the Walter S. Parker Junior High School. With the changes suggested at such time in the future as seems appropriate these two buildings should remain as part of any permanent school building plan to be considered.

Question 3.4—What major alterations or expansions should be made to existing buildings and sites?

The most urgent demand for immediate improvement is, of course, in the Highland School. A complete and detailed study of this building should be made by an architect and an engineer, in order to discover every step that can be taken to insure the safety of the children. A



fundamental rule of safety to guide these men is that every room in the building that may be occupied by children, whether classrooms or service rooms, should open **directly** onto an unobstructed corridor that leads directly to at least two exits remote from each other. These exits should be accessible from the basement and floors above the ground floor by two or more firesafe stairways, leading **directly** to the remote exits. An excellent rule on basement space for pupil occupancy is, Never Have Any. A good sprinkler system would do much to reduce the fire hazards in the Highland School.

No immediate major alterations or repairs are needed either at the Junior High School building or at the Pearl Street building. Steps are already being taken to improve the site at the Junior High School. The Pearl Street School should have more playground with more space developed and equipped for recreation and organized healthful play activities. There is room for considerable improvement in the auditorium of the Junior High School, and the room used for art is poorly designed and very unsatisfactory. For a well-organized program of physical education the gymnasium should be divisible into two courts by a power-driven folding partition. The Pearl Street building is in need of a gymnasium, constructed above ground, and available for school and community uses. All of these improvements may be postponed, however, for the more immediate and urgent need for a new elementary school south of the B and M tracks, and a new high school on a new site.

Problem 4.—Setting up a schedule for the orderly development of the total school plant.

Question 4.1—What new buildings are needed immediately?

The answers to the first four questions under Problem 4 are more or less a summary of the discussions of Problems 1, 2, and 3, and can therefore be very brief. The new buildings needed immediately are an elementary building to replace the Chestnut Hill and Prospect buildings, and a new senior high school in connection with the Birch Meadow site.

Question 4.2—What major improvements in existing facilities should be made immediately?

None, but the improvements suggested in the discussion of Question 3.4 should be anticipated. It is possible that, if a new high school for 800 pupils is erected in the immediate postwar period, and if the anticipated increases in enrolment are realized, an addition to this building may be required to house the junior high school pupils that cannot be accommodated in the Walter S. Parker building.

Question 4.3—In what probable order will other new buildings be needed?

First, the replacement of the Highland School; then as a very remote possibility, a school for Area I, followed by a school for Area II.



Question 4.4—When should new sites be chosen?

Land for the first elementary building and the high school building should be secured immediately. The area now served by the Highland School may grow very rapidly after the war. A site there should be secured, either by purchase or option, at the earliest possible moment. There is no particular need for securing sites now in Areas I and II, but land adjacent to the Pearl Street School should be secured either by purchase or option, when available.

Question 4.5—When should non-urgent improvements in existing facilities be made?

For major improvements this has already been answered in question 4.2. For minor repairs and improvements that fall in the category of maintenance, it is very advisable that an annual budget for such work be set up to finance a continuous program of maintenance and repair. Through this method the over-all cost of upkeep on the total school plant can be kept at a minimum, and many thousands of dollars saved by preventing major deterioration that may require major replacement.

Question 4.6—What are the financial problems involved in the orderly development of the total school plant?

In school districts in which the financing of education is controlled entirely by the school board or school committee, and is not tied in with or restricted by the financial problems of other units of government, it is possible to work out an answer to such a question, without consulting with the officers of those other governmental units. But this is not the situation in Reading, and therefore it would be inadvisable to try to suggest in this report any method of school plant financing. This problem must be solved by co-operative effort on the part of the school committee and other agents of the town government.

The two new buildings recommended, plus the probable cost of improvements to the Highland School, should cost, at 1940 price levels, approximately \$970,000. This figure is based on estimated costs of \$300,000 for the elementary school and \$660,000 for the high school with \$10,000 for improvements on the Highland building. If bonds were issued for this amount, to be amortized in 30 years at 3% interest, and if the annual payments of principal and interest were equalized, these annual payments would amount to approximately \$47,370. If there should be any kind of Federal or State aid for construction after the war, this amount could be reduced proportionately with the percentage of the grant allowed. Under the last PWA construction, grants equaling 45% of the cost of all construction, land, land development, and fees, were given by the Federal government.

## Summary of Conditions and Recommendations.

### Conditions.

#### 1. The Elementary Schools.

- 1.1 The elementary schools organization of Reading includes grades one to six, but only two of the five elementary buildings house pupils of those grades. These are the Pearl Street and Highland buildings. The Chestnut Hill, Prospect Street, and Lowell Street buildings house only grades one to four, and this makeshift grouping of children is due to the lack of proper buildings to permit a uniform organization throughout the district.
- 1.2 There are no kindergartens in Reading. It is not entirely clear whether this is due to lack of facilities, or to an established educational policy that precludes kindergartens.
- 1.3 The Chestnut Hill, Prospect Street, and Lowell Street buildings are definite fire and safety hazards, are too small to permit the lived their usefulness. In spite of the buildings, excellent teaching was found in each.
- 1.4 The Highland building, built in 1896, of brick and frame construction, with a second-story assembly room and basement toilets, is in some respects more of a fire hazard than the all-frame buildings. It is a matter of record that buildings of this type burn more violently than frame buildings, because the fire is confined within the brick walls, which act as a flue.

By careful study and planning, this building can be made reasonably fire-safe, principally by opening up all class rooms to direct exits leading from standard fire-resistive stairs, and by installing a sprinkler system to prevent incipient fires.

The Highland building has the advantage of enough classrooms to permit the operation of a good elementary school of approximate organization of good elementary schools, and neither the buildings nor the sites lend themselves to worthwhile enlargement. They range in age from 54 to 74 years, and have completely out-mated 300 to 350 children. The building is well located for the area it now serves, but the site is entirely too small for a school of this size, and cannot be extended reasonably.

- 1.5 The Pearl Street building is modern, fire-resistive, well located on a good site that can be extended, and is capable of accommo-

- dating approximately 400 to 450 children without classes of excessive size.

The building lacks some facilities that an ideal elementary program demands, but none that cannot be obtained within the building, except a gymnasium. The excessive waste space in the basement of this building probably cost half the amount necessary to provide a comfortable, attractive gymnasium **above ground**.

## 2 The High Schools.

- 2.1 The secondary schools of Reading are organized to include grades seven to twelve, with post-graduate work available for students who wish it. The work of the secondary school is separated into junior high and senior high school levels. The former includes grades seven through nine, and the latter, grades ten through twelve.
- 2.2 The junior high school is housed in the Walter S. Parker building, located south of, but nearby, the tracks of the Boston and Maine Railroad. The building is modern, fire-resistive, and attractive, and can accommodate 600 children, or slightly more, in the junior high school grades. Facilities are adequate to provide a well-rounded educational program, both within and outside the building, as the grounds are ample for this enrolment, and generally well developed. Improvements could be made in the auditorium, gymnasium, and art room.
- 2.3 The senior high school building, erected in 1906, is, in terms of modern design, construction, and educational utilization, completely outmoded; it has outlived its usefulness, and should be abandoned. Except for the regular academic classrooms, it contains none of the facilities and features that are necessary to permit the operation of a well-rounded program of secondary education.

The science rooms are very poorly adapted to the work to be done in science. The art room is a miserable substitute for the type of room required, while there is no auditorium, adequate gymnasium, suitable cafeteria, social science laboratory, nor rooms for teaching homemaking or shop courses. In the field of secondary education a high school today without those facilities compares favorably with a model T car in the field of present-day automotive engineering; it deserves high praise for its pioneering service, but progress has left it standing mostly as a relic, not as an instrument of modern service.

The high school site is in the same category as the building. Today the health and recreation program in secondary education **demand**s outdoor facilities located at the building, adequate to provide organized healthful and purposeful activities for all of the children, and not just for the athletic teams. These activities must be widely varied, and in a school the size of Reading High, it is impossible to provide for them on less than 15 to 20 acres of land. Unfortunately it is impossible to secure such an area around the present high school building.

### 3. Population and Enrolment.

- 3.1 The population of Reading has increased steadily from 1920 to the present date. The rate of increase declined during 1931-40, probably due to the depression, but there is evidence that it has started to accelerate again. It is predicted that the population will reach 14,000 by 1950, and probably 16,000 to 18,000 by 1955.
- 3.2 The present enrolment in Reading is, in round numbers, 1150 in the elementary schools, grades 1-6, and 500 in each high school, grades 7-9 and 10-12. The total figure for all grades is 2150.

The elementary enrolment reached its peak figure of about 1220 in 1926, and has declined steadily to a low of 1060 in 1940, since when it has risen to the present figure. Under normal conditions it should keep pace with population, as the anticipated construction of post-war new homes for younger couples should offset the nation-wide downward trend in birthrate. Junior high school enrolment reached its peak of 623 in 1937-38, and has dropped steadily since then to the present low of 516. It is anticipated that this trend will again turn upward after the war, probably lagging behind the elementary trend by several years.

The senior high school enrolment, as in all other secondary schools, has dropped very rapidly since 1940. It had reached its peak at 681 in that year, and will undoubtedly return to its normal upward trend, paralleling elementary and junior high enrolments, in the post-war period.

- 3.3 Predictions for 1950 and 1955, based upon estimated population of 14,000 and 16,000 for those years, are

Grades	1-6,	1400 in 1950,	1600 in 1955
"	K-6,	1635 in 1950,	1865 in 1955
"	7-9,	900 in 1950,	1000 in 1955
"	10-12,	725 in 1950,	820 in 1955

- 3.4 The area located south of the Boston and Maine tracks, together with the area in the triangle bounded by these tracks, Main Street, and Forest Street, contain about 65% of the present population and elementary school enrolment. As indicated by new home construction since 1938, the rate of growth in the three areas; (1) north of Forest and Wakefield Streets, (2) between these streets and the Boston and Maine tracks, and (3) south of the tracks, has been almost identical. By the same measure the growth west of Main Street has been almost twice that east of Main Street. Apparently plans for the future must anticipate school building needs in all sections of the district.

### Recommendations.

#### 1. The Elementary Schools.

- 1.1 Eventually there should be one elementary school in Reading for each 400 to 600 children in grades K-6 inclusive, (Kindergarten and first six grades). These should be so located as to have as little over-lapping as possible in their service areas.
- 1.2 A new elementary school should be constructed **immediately**, somewhere near the center of the area bounded by Prescott Street, the Boston and Maine tracks, Main Street, and the Woburn and Stoneham town lines. This should accommodate about 500 children in the kindergarten and grades one through six, and should house immediately all the children of those grades residing south of the B and M tracks. At 1940 construction costs this building should cost about \$300,000, including equipment, land, and all fees. It should be placed on a good site of not less than five acres. The building should be designed for both school and community purposes, and all details should be carefully studied, in order that a complete modern elementary program may be operated with economy and efficiency. This school should house all children south of the tracks until the school mentioned in the following item, 1.3, is needed. This report recommends strongly the inclusion of kindergartens in all elementary schools.
- 1.3 A new elementary school similar to the one described in item 1.2 should be **anticipated** for the area west of Prescott Street and south of the B and M tracks. This will be a problem of the future, but before this area is fully developed, a site of at least 5 acres should be secured by purchase or option somewhere near the center of the area. This school should be designed for construction in several units, thereby keeping pace with increasing enrolment needs, but avoiding the danger of over-building.



- 1.4 A thorough study of the Highland School should be made by a competent architect, in order to make all changes necessary to render this building as reasonably safe as possible. All classrooms and other spaces, such as basement toilets and playrooms, should be so arranged that children using them will have two safe means of egress, either by standard fire-resistive stairs, or acceptable fire escapes. The children should be drilled in using alternate means of exit. This building should be retained temporarily to house all the children of grades K-6 living north of the B and M tracks, but not attending the Pearl Street School.
  - 1.5 A new elementary school similar to the one described in item 1.2 should be **anticipated** for the area lying north of the B and M tracks and west of Main Street. This will replace the Highland School, and should be located somewhere near the triangular area between the tracks, Main Street, and Forest Street. In the near future a site of 5 acres should be secured either by purchase or option, as this new school may be required within the next ten years.
  - 1.6 The Pearl Street School should be used as it now is, except that the kindergarten room should be used for that purpose. When funds are available, a suitable gymnasium should be added to this building, and adequate playgrounds should be developed.
  - 1.7 New elementary schools should be anticipated for the remote future above Forest and Wakefield Streets, on each side of Main Street.
2. The High Schools.
    - 2.1 The junior high school building should be retained for its present use, keeping the enrolment therein to approximately 600. There is strong argument in favor of having the junior and senior high school grades in one building, so that the work of those grades can be more closely intergrated than is usually the custom in separate buildings. If the junior high school were located more centrally in the entire area to be served eventually, and if the present site could be made adequate to serve the entire high school without exhorbitant cost, it would be recommended that the high schools be combined under one roof.

But the matter of closer integration between junior and senior high school is more a problem of administration and supervision than of roof covering. The advantages of initiating a new high school unit on a new site of 20 acres or more, with room for future expansion of building and educational activities, and pos-



sible extension of the organization to include grades thirteen and fourteen, far outweigh other apparent advantages of combination. This statement does not overlook the admitted lower cost of operation of both program and plant in one building for a school for the size of Reading. But lower cost is NOT the primary aim of education; it should be gained when possible, but only without sacrificing excessively the efficiency of the educational work.

- 2.2 It is strongly recommended that a new senior high school to accommodate approximately 800 pupils be constructed on a new site, located as near as possible to the center of the town, and on a site of not less than twenty acres. In addition to housing the senior high school, this building should be so designed that, when needed, economical extensions could be made to house all junior high school pupils in excess of the normal load to be accommodated at the Walter S. Parker Junior High School. Normally these pupils could reside north of the B and M tracks, but such an arrangement could permit better educational service for those pupils who, for various reasons, reach a point in their educational history where they are doing part 9th grade work and part 10th grade work. Such a plan of extension would permit the expansion of the program to include grades thirteen and fourteen, if ever that becomes desirable.

This building should contain facilities for a complete secondary program, including, in addition to the regular academic work, homemaking, shop, social science, drawing, art, music, dramatics, commercial work, physical education, and those recreational activities so valuable in adult life. The complete program should develop good citizens,—good because they have good physical and mental health, are capable of making a comfortable living, are able to maintain a good home and satisfactory family life, and are happy in their ability to enjoy their leisure hours with clean games, good music and entertainment, reading good literature, engaging in intelligent conversation, and enjoying beauty in all its forms.

After careful survey of the available areas in Reading, it is the strong recommendation of this report that this building should be located on high ground south and east of and adjoining the Birch Meadow property, and that that property be fully developed for all outdoor school and community activities.

Such a building, at 1940 costs of construction and labor, should cost approximately \$650,000.

3. Financing the recommended program.

- 3.1 The matter of the detailed financing of any recommended school program should be worked out locally since school finances are not separated from other finances of the town. The imperative need is for the town officials as a whole to recognize the condition of some of the school buildings and the absolute need of replacing the three frame elementary buildings, of improving the Highland School to a point of safety, and of replacing the high school building with a new structure on a new site. At 1940 prices, this work should cost approximately \$970,000 which includes \$10,000 for improving the Highland School. If any bonds for this work were to be amortized in thirty years at 3% and if the payments of interest and principal during the 30-year period were equalized, the annual payment of principal and interest would be approximately \$47,400.

**Twenty-fourth Annual Report**

**of the**

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**For the Year Ended**

**December 31, 1944**

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

The Board of Public Works submits herewith its Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1944.

The Board reorganized on March 12, 1944 at the first meeting after the March election. Wendell P. Davis was re-elected Chairman; Alexander Lindsay was elected Secretary; Philip Welch was reappointed as Superintendent.

Mr. Gilbert M. Lothrop, a valued and conscientious member of the Board for three years, joined the United States Army during the year and is now serving overseas. The Board extends to Mr. Lothrop their felicitations for his patriotic action and looks forward to his safe and speedy return to civilian life.

Regularly scheduled meetings were held during the year, also several special meetings and conferences. Members of the Board were also appointed to and served on special committees. Nineteen Public Hearings were advertised and held on varied matters including trunk sewer extensions, storm water drain and water service casements, Municipal Light Department and New England Telephone and Telegraph pole locations, etc. Acting as the Board of Survey, one hearing was held.

On April 24, 1944 the Board, acting as the Board of Survey, adopted new land sub-division rules and regulations under authority of Section 81 F of Chapter 41, General Laws, and caused them to be published in pamphlet form for distribution. All previous rules and regulations or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with any provision of the new rules and regulations were repealed as of the date of April 24, 1944.

At the request of the Post War Planning Committee, several Post War Planning projects have been prepared under the direction of the Board for post-war work relief. These projects have been carefully selected and planned to obtain for the Town maximum value for funds expended, and include badly needed trunk sewer extensions, storm water drain extensions, re-grading of open drain ditches, granolithic sidewalk construction, and the reclaiming of low-lands East of the present Walter S. Parker Junior High School athletic field for an extension of the athletic field. Surveys have been made and final plans completed on five separate individual projects, work on which could be started on very short notice if necessary. As one of the primary purposes of Post War Planning is to provide immediate and useful employment for unemployed war veterans and civilians in an expected slack work period following the winning of the war, the Board is confident that it has provided suitable and necessary work projects.

The Board was also active in continuing the work of the Reading Recreation Committee which continued, and extended the scope of, the recreational and educational program for children instituted in 1943. Departmental facilities were made available to the Recreational Committee's employees during the year.

The Board has endeavored to cooperate to the fullest extent possible with other Town Boards and Departments, during the year, and acknowledges the courtesy, help and cooperation extended to them by the various Town departments. The Board also wishes to publicly express its appreciation of its employees, who voluntarily and willingly worked long hours in emergencies under adverse weather and working conditions.

For a more detailed report of the work accomplished by the various departments comprising the Board of Public Works, reference is made to the report of the Superintendent which follows this report.

Respectfully submitted,

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman  
ALEXANDER LINDSAY, Secretary  
GILBERT M. LOTHROP  
HAROLD W. PUTNAM  
EDWARD TEER

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:

As required by Section 4, Chapter 118 of an act authorizing the Town of Reading to establish a Board of Public Works, I respectfully submit for your consideration the twenty-fourth annual report of the Department of Public Works, (Water, Highway, Sewer and Park) including a financial report of each department, and a chronicle of the principal work performed with recommendations for the coming year.

## WATER DEPARTMENT

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Maintenance Account:

Appropriation and Transfer ..... \$ 50,085.19

Expenditures:

1. Office Maintenance :		
Pay Roll .....	\$	4,366.83
Supplies, Printing, etc. ....		720.62
Insurance .....		722.66
Miscellaneous .....		200.87
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	\$	6,010.98
2. Pumping Station Costs :		
Station No. 1, Mill St.		
Pay Roll .....	\$	376.24
Light, Phone, Fuel .....		261.82
Miscellaneous .....		6.80
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	\$	644.86
Station No. 2, Strout Ave.		
Pay Roll .....	\$	1,665.19
Light and Power .....		5,475.19
Phone and Fuel .....		137.66
Misc. Supplies and Repairs ...		215.46
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	\$	7,493.50
Filtration Plant		
Pay Roll .....	\$	784.34
Engrs. Weston & Sampson ..		300.00
Supplies and Repairs .....		302.58
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	\$	1,386.92
3. Well Line:		
Pay Roll .....	\$	1,154.56
Supplies and Fittings .....		794.52
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	\$	1,949.08
4. Maintenance of Meters:		
Pay Roll .....	\$	1,854.51
Supplies, Misc. ....		462.88
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	\$	2,317.39
5. Maintenance of Service Pipes:		
Pay Roll .....	\$	3,178.14



Supplies, Tools and Misc. ....	1,385.63		
		\$	4,563.77
6. Maintenance of Main Pipes:			
Pay Roll .....	\$ 492.43		
Supplies and Misc. ....	367.12		
		\$	859.55
7. Maturing Bonds .....			9,000.00
8. Bond Interest .....			460.00
9. Garage Maintenance:			
Fuel Oil .....	\$ 153.97		
Supplies and Misc. ....	103.14		
		\$	257.11
10. Main Pipe Construction:			
None.			
11. Service Pipe Construction:			
Pay Roll .....	\$ 301.83		
Misc. ....	42.35		
		\$	344.18
12. Meter Construction:			
New Meters .....	\$ 252.00		
		\$	252.00
13. Hydrant Maintenance:			
Pay Roll .....	\$ 273.70		
Repairs .....	81.25		
		\$	354.95
14. Miscellaneous:			
Pay Roll—General .....	\$ 1,728.21		
Road Machinery Account ....	1,383.47		
Salvage Collection .....	188.11		
		\$	3,299.79
Grand Total Expended ....			\$ 39,194.08
Balance December 31, 1944			\$ 10,891.11

### 1944 Receipts

Meter Rates .....	\$ 57,649.57
Service Pipe Maintenance .....	475.37
Service Pipe Construction .....	299.32
Rent .....	180.00
Hydrant Rental .....	500.00
Hydrant Repairs .....	68.93
Drinking Fountains .....	100.00
Sprinklers .....	36.00
Miscellaneous .....	383.36
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	\$ 59,692.55
Total Cost of Water System from Beginning to January 1, 1944 .....	\$833,071.45
Meters .....	252.00
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Total Cost December 31, 1944 .....	\$833,323.45

### Water Bonds and Interest

There were \$9,000.00 in bonds payable in 1944.

The interest on serial bonds for the year 1944 amounted to \$460.00.

There are \$9,000.00 in bonds and \$235.00 interest due in 1945 as follows :

Payable	Interest	Bonds
April 1, 1945 .....	\$ 15.00	
April 15, 1945 .....	100.00	\$ 2,000.00
June 1, 1945 .....	40.00	2,000.00
October 1, 1945 .....	15.00	2,000.00
October 15, 1945 .....	65.00	3,000.00
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	\$ 235.00	\$ 9,000.00

### Rainfall at Pumping Station

Month	Normal Rain- Fall—inches	Rainfall in 1944—inches	Excess or Deficiency—1944
January	3.40	2.63	— .77
February	3.18	2.26	— .92
March	3.79	4.22	+ .43
April	3.89	3.84	— .05
May	2.93	.83	—2.10
June	3.57	5.32	+1.75
July	3.38	2.56	— .82
August	3.22	2.83	— .39
September	3.72	7.22	+3.50
October	2.98	2.65	— .33
November	3.29	6.03	+2.74
December	3.45	3.18	— .27
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Totals	40.80	43.57	+2.77

The average rainfall for Massachusetts as deduced by the State Department of Public Health from long continued observation in various parts of the Commonwealth is 44.54 inches.

As may be seen by a table in this report showing the amount of rainfall for the years 1900-1944 inclusive, the average annual rainfall at the Reading Hundred Acre Pumping Station No. 2 on Strout Avenue is 40.80 inches.

The rainfall in 1944 in Reading was a deficiency of .97 inches compared with the State observations and an excess of 2.77 inches compared with the Reading Pumping Station observations.

There was a deficiency of rainfall in the months of January, February, April, May, July, August, October and December of 5.65 inches, and an excess in the months of March, June, September and November of 8.42 inches, comparing each month with an average rainfall at Reading Pumping Station between the years 1900-1944 inclusive.

The greatest amount of rainfall in 1944 for any one month was in September, with a fall of 7.22 inches; in any one day, Thursday, September 14, 1944 with a fall of 3.71 inches. The years' total rainfall of 43.57 inches was an excess of 7.53 inches from the total rainfall of 1943, which was 36.04 inches.

The elevation of the Hundred Acre Meadow Pumping Station is approximately eighty feet above sea level.

TABLE SHOWING AMOUNT OF RAIN AND MELTED SNOW

Day of Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1		T							.17			
2									.04			
3								T				
4	T						.50					
5							.09	T	.93		.12	
6	1.89		.12		.19	T			T	.20	.35	
7			.84		.05					.02		
8				.24						T		.60
9		T		T		T					.13	
10				.10		1.68	.44			.02	.56	
11		.54		.37		T	.29					1.09
12		.06	.14	.17			.02					
13			.26						.90			
14		.56			.17	T		1.80	.66	.01		
15			.44	1.20	.12	.03		3.11	.05		.04	
16			.22	.16		.34	.28				.59	
17		.49	.10	.01				.60	.02		.11	
18						.33		.19	T			
19	T		.45			.35			.18			.12
20			.42			.53	.09		.08	.66	.03	
21				.06		.15	.01	.02	.20	.88	.97	
22		.60			.30	T		T			.20	
23	.45	.01	.52	.12	T	.02		.01				.02
24				1.32	T	1.87		.18		.70	.06	.04
25	.02			.08		.02		T		.11		.38
26	.03			.01		T	.12	.03		T		
27		T	.20				.20		.01		.70	.71
28	.12						.01		.32			
29			.22				.01				1.63	
30			.29				.50				.54	
31	.12									T		.22
Monthly Totals	2.63	2.26	4.22	3.84	.83	5.32	2.56	2.83	7.22	2.65	6.03	3.18
Totals to Date	2.63	4.89	9.11	12.95	13.78	19.10	21.66	24.49	31.71	34.36	40.39	43.57

**AMOUNT OF RAINFALL FOR YEARS 1900 TO 1944 INCLUSIVE**

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1900.....	5.32	8.69	5.03	2.15	4.60	3.13	1.90	3.17	4.15	3.31	5.05	2.44	48.94
1901.....	1.33	1.08	5.88	9.59	7.21	1.74	4.65	2.66	3.59	2.76	3.06	2.44	51.65
1902.....	1.80	6.11	4.69	6.22	1.69	1.98	3.02	3.75	4.01	4.91	0.99	5.60	44.77
1903.....	3.84	3.16	6.38	4.95	0.48	8.91	3.40	3.42	2.09	3.69	1.33	2.59	44.44
1904.....	4.42	2.21	2.21	9.90	3.56	2.56	1.88	4.26	5.16	2.02	1.80	2.25	42.23
1905.....	5.44	1.47	2.92	2.59	1.39	6.11	1.19	3.30	7.87	1.20	2.22	3.72	39.42
1906.....	2.60	2.53	6.48	2.84	5.14	2.63	5.88	4.18	1.36	2.38	3.31	3.08	42.41
1907.....	3.97	2.10	2.40	3.21	2.89	3.80	3.58	1.33	7.90	3.36	6.83	3.08	44.97
1908.....	3.07	4.28	2.72	1.71	4.00	1.58	3.09	4.07	0.86	3.56	1.10	2.66	32.70
1909.....	4.17	5.33	3.57	3.95	1.97	2.14	3.59	2.75	3.74	1.23	4.06	1.92	40.10
1910.....	4.54	3.14	1.58	2.32	1.19	4.36	1.98	2.61	2.45	1.48	4.30	1.92	31.87
1911.....	2.08	2.42	5.04	4.05	5.73	3.43	4.79	3.80	2.84	2.91	3.14	3.57	36.45
1912.....	2.48	2.64	4.51	3.76	3.45	0.93	0.44	2.02	3.02	7.56	4.10	4.80	41.04
1913.....	3.34	3.65	4.09	6.32	2.76	1.44	1.68	3.48	3.06	7.56	2.13	3.24	39.52
1914.....	3.54	3.00	2.72	2.72	2.76	1.44	2.34	2.78	0.23	1.51	2.92	3.69	35.07
1915.....	5.52	3.54	3.37	5.14	1.68	4.60	8.76	6.66	0.70	2.80	2.93	5.47	45.38
1916.....	1.22	5.37	3.00	5.14	4.59	5.86	3.13	2.30	3.11	1.01	1.94	2.01	39.05
1917.....	2.92	2.41	4.18	2.90	4.00	1.19	1.19	3.70	1.46	5.75	1.39	2.65	37.33
1918.....	3.08	3.02	2.02	4.10	0.85	3.04	2.99	2.24	8.37	1.02	2.24	2.48	36.02
1919.....	3.24	3.61	4.01	2.46	5.44	0.88	3.22	3.83	5.65	2.63	6.20	1.53	42.70
1920.....	2.75	6.46	4.21	5.75	3.27	5.24	1.94	2.02	4.27	1.16	4.67	4.82	46.56
1921.....	2.09	3.43	2.43	5.48	1.86	4.02	9.79	1.96	1.74	1.57	6.50	2.28	43.15
1922.....	1.77	2.72	4.37	1.37	5.08	11.27	4.88	3.29	3.68	2.73	1.06	3.12	45.24
1923.....	6.95	1.67	2.60	5.17	1.56	2.79	1.98	3.17	0.82	3.63	4.13	4.83	39.80
1924.....	3.77	2.55	1.71	4.25	3.10	2.63	2.70	4.80	7.95	0.05	2.56	1.52	37.49
1925.....	4.28	4.14	7.66	2.95	2.05	5.62	5.13	3.37	2.16	4.66	3.94	5.53	46.49
1926.....	2.32	3.15	1.90	1.43	2.19	1.80	2.03	3.30	1.32	3.95	3.89	3.08	33.62
1927.....	2.17	3.37	1.46	5.13	2.77	2.27	3.04	5.28	2.68	4.10	4.18	4.77	36.74
1928.....	3.14	3.70	3.49	6.81	3.50	6.03	3.65	3.84	4.18	2.96	2.28	2.57	41.00
1929.....	2.48	2.05	3.19	1.90	3.58	1.21	1.19	4.53	2.41	2.49	2.87	3.63	39.03
1930.....	3.27	2.72	4.94	3.07	3.53	6.47	4.07	2.77	0.79	4.45	3.68	2.20	33.25
1931.....	3.92	1.90	4.53	2.01	1.17	3.81	3.76	4.11	1.97	2.43	1.26	3.72	41.25
1932.....	2.27	3.46	7.22	6.51	1.70	1.27	2.04	5.09	7.24	7.26	5.25	1.29	43.81
1933.....	3.17	3.29	5.13	3.09	2.52	1.37	1.47	4.41	9.97	3.50	0.96	3.47	47.21
1934.....	6.13	3.23	1.06	4.72	1.44	6.21	1.25	1.98	6.03	3.89	2.73	0.70	39.23
1935.....	6.60	3.09	7.23	3.01	2.05	2.73	2.67	1.98	4.03	0.58	4.36	0.90	37.31
1936.....	4.50	1.80	3.21	4.61	3.13	3.45	1.75	4.49	4.15	1.59	1.37	8.24	46.80
1937.....	4.08	2.07	2.11	3.12	3.51	7.18	0.97	3.91	3.04	4.48	5.18	4.89	43.17
1938.....	2.08	3.48	4.00	4.47	2.02	2.77	11.42	3.13	8.33	2.93	1.86	2.85	51.66
1939.....	2.22	4.34	3.63	4.65	3.52	2.41	0.73	3.13	2.45	2.66	0.77	2.92	38.43
1940.....	3.16	1.88	7.20	1.87	2.24	2.11	2.58	0.80	4.89	1.05	6.67	2.73	39.24
1941.....	4.25	2.98	7.20	2.02	3.34	3.19	3.66	3.05	6.88	2.13	2.38	4.08	29.63
1942.....	3.09	1.03	3.57	2.60	5.54	2.09	5.08	1.82	2.18	2.99	4.72	5.61	45.38
1943.....	2.63	2.26	4.22	3.24	0.83	2.09	4.79	1.35	0.67	5.84	4.45	1.02	36.04
1944.....	3.40	3.18	3.79	3.89	2.93	3.57	2.56	2.83	7.22	2.65	6.03	3.18	43.57
Average.....	3.40	3.18	3.79	3.89	2.93	3.57	3.38	3.22	3.72	2.98	3.29	3.45	40.80

## **SUMMARY OF STATISTICS**

**For Year Ending December 31, 1944**

**Reading Water Department**

**Reading, Middlesex County, Massachusetts**

### **General Statistics**

Population by census of 1940: 10,861

Date of Construction: 1890, Mill Street; 1931, Grove Street.

By whom owned: Town of Reading.

Sources of Supply: Filter Gallery and Artesian Wells.

Mode of Supply: (whether gravity or pumping): Pumping.

### **Pumping Statistics**

Builders of Pumping Machinery: Sullivan Machine Co., George F. Blake Mfg. Co., Platt Iron Works, DeLaval Steam Turbine Co.

### **Electric Pumps at Grove Street Station**

Description of Pumps:

(A) Pumping Unit No. 1÷2-stage 5/4 DeLaval, 75 H.P. 1750 R.P.M.  
3 phase 60 cycle, 440 volts, 650 G.P.M.

(B) Pumping Unit No. 2÷2-stage 8/6 DeLaval, 125 H. P. 1750  
G.P.M. 3 phase 60 cycle, 440 volts, 1000 G.P.M.

K. W. H. used for year: 313,500

Power Cost for year: \$5,475.19.

Total Pumpage by Venturi Meter: 245,429,500 gallons.

Cost of Pumping per Million Gallons, power only: \$22.31.

Average number gallons pumped per K.W.H.: 780.61.

Cost of pumping figured on Total Pumping Station No. 2 expenses, per  
Million Gallons pumped: \$30.53.

Cost of Filtration, per Million Gallons, figured on Filtration Plant  
Expenses: \$5.69.

Total Cost of Supplying Water, per Million Gallons, figured on Total  
Maintenance, plus interest on bonds: \$121.58.

Average Static Head against which pumps work: 227

Average Dynamic Head against which pumps work: 258



### **Statistics Relating to Distribution Mains**

Kind of Pipe: Cast Iron, Galvanized Iron.  
Sizes:  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches to 12 inches.  
Extended: No main water pipe extensions installed in 1944.  
Total in use at present: 52.63 Miles (6" to 12").  
Cost of Maintenance per mile: \$16.14.  
Number of Hydrants added during year: None.  
Number of Hydrants in use (Public and Private): 329.  
Number of Stop Gates added during year: None.  
Number of Stop Gates now in use: 851.  
Number of Stop Gates smaller than 4": 152.  
Number of Blow Offs added during year: None.  
Number of Blow Offs now in use: 29.  
Range of Pressure on Water Mains: 45-90 lbs.

### **Statistics Relating to Suction Mains**

Kind of Pipe: Cast Iron.  
Sizes of Pipe: 16", 12", 10", 8".  
Total Number of Feet in use: 116 feet of 16", 1270 feet of 12", 882 feet of 10", 3146 feet of 8". Total=5414 Feet.  
Gates in use on Suction Mains: 1-16", 4-12", 1-10", 3-8", 102-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Gates.  
Wells in Use: Line A—7 Wells   Line B—16 Wells   Line C—11 Wells.  
                  Line D—12 Wells   Line E—15 Wells   Line F—18 Wells.  
                  Line G—8 Wells   Line H—13 Wells   Total 100 Wells

### **Statistics Relating to Services**

Services: Kinds of Pipe—Cast Iron, Galvanized Iron, Lead Lined, Cement Lined, and Copper Tubing.  
Sizes:  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch to 6 inch.  
Extended: 296.50 feet.  
Total in use: 43.80 miles.  
Number of active service taps added during year: 3.  
Number of service taps in use: 2743.  
Average length of services installed in 1944: 98.83 feet.  
Average cost of water services to owner in 1944: \$92.09.  
Number of water meters tested: 250.  
Number of water meters repaired: 181.  
Number of water meters added: 4.  
Number of water meters junked: 2.  
Number of water meters now in use: 3293.

### Chemical and Microscopic Character of Raw Water—1944 (Unfiltered—Direct from Tubular Wells) (Parts per Million)

Month	No. of Test Days	PARTS PER MILLION, EXCEPT AS NOTED							
		Iron	Oxygen Consumed	Carbon Dioxide		Dissolved Oxygen		Manganese	pH Value
				Ave.	Max.	P.P.M.	% Sat.		
January.....	1	2.40	....	....	....	....	....	360	6.2
February.....	1	2.20	....	48.0	....	....	....	340	6.1
March.....	..	1.92	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
April.....	1	2.10	....	42.5	....	0.85	7.3	400	6.2
May.....	1	2.20	....	43.0	....	....	....	400	6.0
June.....	1	2.20	....	48.0	....	....	....	400	6.0
July.....	1	1.90	....	46.0	....	1.30	11.9	320	6.2
August.....	1	1.16	....	39.0	....	....	....	240	6.1
September.....	1	1.10	....	39.0	....	....	....	220	6.0
October.....	1	1.60	....	38.0	....	....	....	300	6.0
November.....	2	1.21	....	44.3	....	1.25	10.8	230	6.0
December.....	1	1.40	....	45.0	....	1.20	10.1	360	6.1
Total.....	12	203.0	....	520.1	....	5.85	50.9	3.80	72.9
Average.....	..	1.69	....	43.3	....	1.17	10.2	.320	6.1

### Chemical and Microscopic Character of Water Delivered to Mains—1944 (Filtered Water as Delivered from Iron Removal Plant) (Parts per Million)

Month	No. of Test Days	PARTS PER MILLION, EXCEPT AS NOTED							
		Iron	Oxygen Consumed	Carbon Dioxide		Dissolved Oxygen		Manganese	pH Value
				Ave.	Max.	P.P.M.	% Sat.		
January.....	1	0.45	....	5.5	....	....	....	.010	7.1
February.....	1	0.40	....	5.0	....	....	....	.008	7.1
March.....	1	0.37	....	5.0	....	....	....	.016	7.1
April.....	1	0.38	....	5.0	....	10.8	91.8	.015	7.1
May.....	1	0.40	....	5.5	....	....	....	.012	7.1
June.....	1	0.29	....	4.8	....	....	....	.004	7.1
July.....	1	0.20	....	4.5	....	10.1	94.0	.004	7.2
August.....	1	0.18	....	4.0	....	....	....	.004	7.2
September.....	1	0.26	....	4.0	....	....	....	.005	7.2
October.....	1	0.24	....	4.3	....	11.2	96.3	.005	7.2
November.....	2	0.30	....	4.5	....	10.9	89.8	.006	7.2
December.....	1	0.30	....	4.5	....	....	....	....	....
Total.....	12	3.71	....	56.4	....	54.2	468.2	.094	85.8
Average.....		0.32	....	4.7	....	10.8	90.6	....	....

**YEARLY RECORD OF HUNDRED ACRE PUMPING STATION**  
January 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944

Month	No. Days	No. Hours	No. Min.	Gallons Pumped Venturi Meter	Total Head	Power K.W.H.	Gallons Per K.W.H.	Rain- fall	Fuel Oil	Daily Average Gallons Pumped
January.....	31	361	15	19,240,700	227	24,400	788.55	2.63	198	620,668
February.....	29	353	30	18,654,600	227	23,600	790.44	2.26	365	643,262
March.....	31	408	..	21,503,000	227	27,000	796.40	4.22	175	693,645
April.....	30	359	30	18,878,000	227	23,800	793.00	3.84	....	629,266
May.....	31	422	30	22,118,800	227	28,300	781.40	.83	....	713,348
June.....	30	431	15	22,730,300	227	29,000	783.80	5.32	....	757,676
July.....	31	446	15	23,293,100	227	29,800	781.64	2.56	....	751,390
August.....	31	469	..	24,560,000	227	31,800	772.32	2.83	....	792,258
September.....	30	358	15	18,735,600	227	24,400	767.85	7.22	....	624,520
October.....	31	374	30	19,572,500	227	25,100	779.77	2.65	....	631,371
November.....	30	339	15	17,800,300	227	22,900	777.35	6.03	136	593,343
December.....	31	350 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	..	18,347,600	227	23,400	754.84	3.18	370	591,858
Totals.....	366	4,673	15	245,429,500	227	313,500	780.61	43.57	1,244	670,217

# KIND AND SIZES OF METERS IN USE JANUARY 1, 1945

Make	½"	¾"	1"	1¼"	1½"	2"	3"	4"	8"	Totals
Nash.....	1,566	14	14	1	5	3	..	..	..	1,603
Hersey.....	534	11	24	6	9	7	1	1	1	594
Empire.....	261	1	2	..	1	..	2	..	..	267
Gamon.....	182	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	184
Pittsburg.....	152	13	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	167
Trident.....	239	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	241
Crown.....	68	2	2	..	3	8	..	..	..	83
Lambert.....	49	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
Union.....	44	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	46
Worthington.....	35	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	36
Keystone.....	1	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	9
Federal.....	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Thompson.....	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Gem.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Totals.....	3,141	43	48	17	19	20	3	1	1	3,293

## COMPARATIVE TOTAL PUMPAGE DURING PAST TEN YEARS 1935 to 1944 inclusive

Year	Annual Pumpage (Gallons)	Increase or Decrease (Gallons)	Average Daily Pumpage (Gallons)	Increase or Decrease (Gallons)	Cost per Million Gallons Pumped Figured on Total Maint. and Int. on Bonds	Estimated Population
1935	248,075,400	26,815,000 Inc.	679,658	73,466 Inc.	90.61	10,703
1936	249,110,100	1,024,700 Inc.	680,629	971 Inc.	100.70	10,703
1937	212,484,400	36,625,700 Dec.	582,149	98,480 Dec.	129.81	10,703
1938	213,853,400	1,369,000 Inc.	585,900	3,751 Inc.	122.24	10,703
1939	245,937,000	32,083,600 Inc.	673,800	87,900 Inc.	106.93	10,703
1940	245,786,000	151,000 Dec.	671,546	2,254 Dec.	99.06	10,861
1941	245,332,500	453,500 Dec.	672,143	597 Inc.	115.57	10,861
1942	224,146,800	21,185,700 Dec.	613,965	58,178 Dec.	134.07	10,861
1943	229,498,200	5,351,400 Inc.	628,762	14,797 Inc.	142.41	10,861
1944	245,429,500	15,931,300 Inc.	670,217	41,455 Inc.	121.58	10,861

## **MAIN PIPE CONSTRUCTION**

Due to continuing Federal government restrictions on residential construction, no main water pipe extensions were made to the water distribution system during 1944. As of January 1, 1945, the Reading water distribution system comprises 52.63 miles of water mains in sizes 6" to 12", besides other mains of smaller sizes.

### **Main Pipe Maintenance**

No distribution main breaks occurred in 1944 on 6" or larger water mains. One leak developed in a 1¼" main on North Pearl Street, due to pipe failure.

During a sub-zero cold wave early in January, the 6" main over Death Bridge on Lowell Street became frozen. The pipe casing was later opened, more insulation added and the casing replaced and painted.

A program of inspecting and testing all main gate valves in the water distribution system, including hydrant gates, was completed. Gate valves were tested for operational functions and accessibility, and a record made of each gate valve's operational efficiency. Minor repairs were found necessary on some valves. These were mainly failures of the gate valve boxes. All gate valves were found to be in operating condition.

### **Service Pipe Construction and Maintenance**

Three new water services were installed in 1944, two being installed to existing dwellings not previously connected, and one being installed to an existing dwelling previously serviced through the cellar of another dwelling. Partition of the property into two separate lots with a dwelling on each made the new service necessary. These three new water services totaled 296.50 feet in length, had an average length per individual service of 98.83 feet at an average cost of service to owners of \$92.09. As of January 1, 1945, there are 43.80 miles of service pipe in use in the water distribution system, comprising 2743 individual service taps, in sizes ranging from ¾" to 6".

Ten water services developed leaks, in the street sections of the services. The causes of the leaks ranged from pipe and fitting failures to corporation and lead gooseneck defects.

During the year, it was necessary to rod and flush 72 water services to remove incrustation from service pipes and improve water pressure in residences. In several instances sections of service pipe were removed and re-laid with new cement lined pipe.

New curb stops were cut in on several services to replace defective stops. New curb boxes were installed in several instances, also as replacements of defective boxes. In 50 instances, it was necessary to repair service pipes at cellar walls, and 78 new cellar shut-offs were installed to replace worn and defective existing shut-offs.

### **Meter Maintenance**

A total of 250 active water meters, in sizes ranging from  $\frac{5}{8}$ " to 2", were removed from services, and tested by the meter repair department in 1944. Of this number, 181 meters were dismantled, cleaned, repaired, tested and installed. Two obsolete meters were junked and replaced with new meters. Four new meters were set on new services. During the winter months, sixteen meters became frozen, and were repaired and reset.

Several outside meter boxes, of wood construction, were removed during the year, and, where possible, meters were set in house cellars. In several instances brick meter boxes were installed to replace wooden boxes. All meter boxes received regular winter insulation prior to cold weather.

As of January 1, 1945, there are in use in the water distribution system 3293 water meters, in sizes ranging from  $\frac{5}{8}$ " to 8".

### **Fire Hydrants**

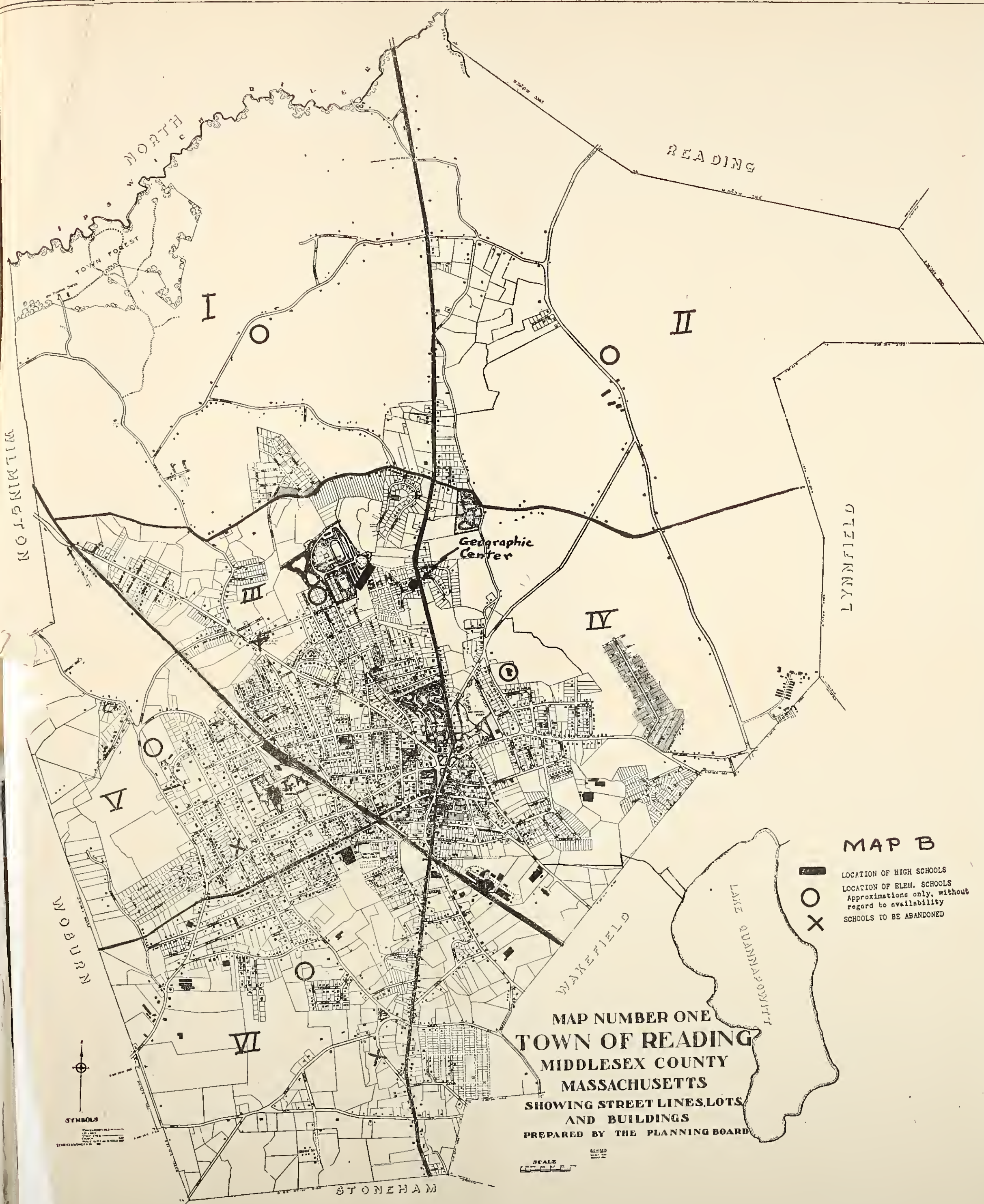
No new fire hydrants were installed on the water distribution system in 1944. Five hydrants were broken during the year by being accidentally hit by automobiles and trucks, but small water loss was experienced during any of the breaks. One defective hydrant was replaced with a new Cory hydrant.

The annual inspection of fire hydrants was made, and some necessary minor repairs were made. All hydrants used by the Fire Department in 1944 were found to be in good working order.

### **Driven Well System**

No new suction mains or driven tubular wells were added to the water collection system in 1944, due to the shortage of manpower and materials. The existing wells, however, received more particular attention than usual. During the month of May, a near-record drouth and unseasonably hot weather was experienced, with a total rainfall for the month of but .83 inches, and, although the daily pumpage of water on several occasions exceeded one million gallons per day, the ground water level remained at a safe elevation.





**MAP B**

LOCATION OF HIGH SCHOOLS  
LOCATION OF ELEM. SCHOOLS  
Approximations only, without  
regard to availability  
SCHOOLS TO BE ABANDONED

**MAP NUMBER ONE  
TOWN OF READING  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY  
MASSACHUSETTS  
SHOWING STREET LINES, LOTS  
AND BUILDINGS  
PREPARED BY THE PLANNING BOARD**

SCALE  
1" = 100'

SYMBOLS





# ZONING MAP OF READING







In July, and again in October, each well in the entire system was spudded, cleaned, and pumped clear, and examined for any defects such as air leaks, presence of fine sand or organic matter, etc. In connection with this work, samples of water were taken from each well before and after cleaning operations were done, and analyses made of each sample by the pumping station engineers in the laboratory to determine the iron content of each. Thus it was possible to determine which if any of the wells contained excessive amounts of iron.

To determine where the best quality water in the well field is located, eight test wells were driven in selected locations in Hundred Acre Meadow, records being made of the various stratas encountered during driving operations, also an analysis of water obtained from each well. These are test wells only, and are not connected to the supply system.

As of January 1, 1945 there are 104 driven 2½" tubular wells in the collection system, of which 100 are in active use. Two wells on Line "B" and two wells on Line "F" are out of service, two being sand bound and two needing repairs, which cannot be accomplished until the water lowers in the well field. Heavy Fall rains have caused ground water to completely cover the surface of the well field.

### **Filtration Plant**

The filtration plant operated efficiently and economically during the year. A total of 245,429,500 gallons of raw water direct from the driven wells, averaging 670,217 gallons per day, was aerated and filtered. Tables included in this report show the results obtained by aeration and filtration.

Sand Filter No. 1 was scraped twice and raked twice, and Sand Filter No. 2 was scraped three times and raked twice during the year. This is done to break up and to remove iron deposit films on sand filter surfaces. The ejector box was used five times during the year to wash and clean filter sand. Vertical feed pipes to the contact aerators were wire brushed and cleaned, and the spray holes in the pipe caps reamed out.

The partial ramp installed in front of the filter plant in 1943 to permit removal of coke was completed during the year. This ramp was seeded early in the fall and a good grass crop secured. A temporary wooden flight of stairs was built to permit access to the filter plant, which will be replaced with concrete steps in 1945.

### **Standpipes**

No major repair or maintenance work was necessary on either standpipe during the year.

## **PUMPING STATIONS**

### **Hundred Acre Pumping Station**

This pumping station operated daily during the year, averaging 12.76 hours of operation per day, and delivered 245,429,500 gallons of raw well water to the Iron Removal or filtration plant and filtered water to the distribution mains, averaging 670,217 gallons per day, at a cost of pumping figured on total pumping station expenses of \$30.53 per million gallons pumped. The greatest amount pumped in any one day was on Thursday, June 8, 1944, with a total pumpage of 1,109,400 gallons; in any one week, from May 31 to June 8, 1944 inclusive, with a total pumpage of 6,875,200 gallons. The 75 H.P. high lift pump was in daily operation for a total of 4670.75 hours during the year, and the 125 H.P. high lift pump in operation during monthly test runs only of 2.50 hours.

No major repairs were necessary on the pumping equipment during the year, and motors, pumps and other equipment were maintained at a high degree of efficiency. Five interruptions of electric power supply occurred during the year, caused by high winds short circuiting electric power lines and failures at the power plant. Not including the September 14-15, 1944 hurricane, the shortest interruption of power supply was of 45 minutes duration, and the longest 2 hours and 45 minutes. During the hurricane, electric power was lost from 9:30 p.m. Thursday, September 14 to 10:15 A.M. Friday, September 15. Both standpipes were within four feet of full when the power failure occurred, which was caused by falling limbs breaking the power cable on Lowell Street at Hartshorn Street. No danger of water shortage occurred during the hurricane, and emergency pumping measures had been planned in the event of a prolonged power loss such as was experienced in the September 21-22, 1938 hurricane.

Safety precautions due to the war emergency have been maintained at Hundred Acre Pumping Station, and Strout Avenue and the road to the Town Forest, which passes through the Pumping Station premises, remain closed to the public, as a necessary war-time measure for protection of the pumping station and water supply area.

### **Mill Street Pumping Station**

Mill Street Pumping Station was not actively operated during the year, but was held in readiness to be put in operation at short notice as an emergency or auxiliary source of water supply. During cold weather, one boiler was kept fired and the steam driven pumps were operated for testing purposes, but did not pump water into the distribution mains. The annual inspection of boilers and pumping equipment was made by the State Department of Public Safety and the insurance company and approval certificates were issued by them.

Maintenance work on the grounds and buildings was accomplished, and equipment was stored in the lime shed and boiler room to relieve congestion at the Municipal Garage.



## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Gentlemen :

The following is the yearly report of the Highway Department:  
Appropriations voted in March Town Meeting:

1. Highway Maintenance and Construction .....	\$ 42,000.00
2. Removal of Snow and Ice .....	9,000.00
3. Maintenance of Storm Drains .....	4,185.00
4. Sidewalk Construction and Maintenance .....	4,250.00
5. Development of Storm Water Drains .....	5,000.00
6. Care of Dumps .....	1,650.00
7. Mineral Street Bridge .....	1,800.00
8. Victory Gardens .....	1,015.00
9. Salvage Collection .....	735.00
10. Post War Planning .....	3,000.00
11. Construction of West Hill Circle	
Balance Forward from 1943 .....	834.06
12. Construction of Wescroft Road	
Balance Forward from 1943 .....	1,850.90
13. Construction of Springvale Road	
Balance Forward from 1943 .....	162.24
14. Construction of Harvard Street	
Balance Forward from 1943 .....	<b>341.20</b>
15. Construction of Lewis Street	
Balance Forward from 1943 .....	189.77
16. Development Committee	
Balance Forward from 1943 .....	500.00
17. Received from State and County for Chapter 90 Maint.	<b>2,000.00</b>
18. Road Machinery Fund	
Transfer from Road Machinery Account .....	13,500.00
19. Credited to Road Machinery Fund from Gasoline	
Refunds .....	179.13
20. Credited to Highway Department from Salvage Account	170.28
21. Voted at Special Town Meeting Nov. 27, 1944	
Snow and Ice Removal .....	1,500.00
Grand Total .....	<hr/> \$ 93,862.58
Expenditures and Balances of the above Appropriations:	
Item	
1. Highway Maintenance and Construction .....	\$ 42,000.00
20. Credit from Salvage Account .....	170.28
Total .....	<hr/> \$ 42,170.28

Expended:

Pay Roll .....	\$ 24,274.88
Road Material .....	6,462.67
Chapter 90 Maintenance .....	1,000.00
Supplies and Tools .....	2,409.64
Road Machinery Account .....	7,199.31
Miscellaneous .....	806.29

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Total Expended .....	\$ 42,152.79
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Balance Unexpended .....	\$ 17.49
2. Removal of Snow and Ice .....	\$ 9,000.00
21. Removal of Snow and Ice .....	1,500.00

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\$ 10,500.00

Expended:

Pay Roll .....	\$ 5,817.21
Plowing and Hauling .....	669.02
Repairs and Supplies .....	2,750.94
Road Machinery Account .....	1,064.24
Miscellaneous .....	169.27

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Total Expended .....	\$ 10,470.68
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Balance Unexpended .....	\$ 29.32
3. Maintenance of Storm Drains .....	\$ 4,185.00

Expended:

Pay Roll .....	\$ 3,439.16
Supplies and Misc. ....	703.07

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Total Expended .....	\$ 4,142.23
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Balance Unexpended .....	\$ 42.77
4. Sidewalk Construction and Maintenance .....	\$ 4,250.00

Expended:

Pay Roll .....	\$ 3,111.14
Supplies and Misc. ....	1,129.91

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Total Expended .....	\$ 4,241.05
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Balance Unexpended .....	\$ 8.95
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5. Development of Storm Water Drains .....	\$ 5,000.00
Expended:	
Pay Roll .....	\$ 2,227.43
Supplies, Pipe and Misc. ....	2,363.05
Road Machinery Acct. ....	409.52
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Total Expended .....	\$ 5,000.00
6. Care of Dumps .....	\$ 1,650.00
Expended:	
Pay Roll .....	\$ 1,642.81
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Total Expended .....	\$ 1,642.81
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Balance Unexpended .....	\$ 7.19
7. Mineral Street Bridge .....	\$ 1,800.00
Expended:	
Pay Roll .....	\$ 404.65
Supplies for Repairs .....	801.11
Road Machinery Account .....	121.72
Transfer to Snow and Ice .....	400.00
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Total Expended .....	\$ 1,727.48
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Balance Unexpended .....	\$ 72.52
8. Victory Gardens Account .....	\$ 1,015.00
Expended:	
Pay Roll .....	\$ 383.64
Miscellaneous .....	4.72
Road Machinery Acct. ....	299.00
Transfer to Snow and Ice .....	300.00
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Total Expended .....	\$ 987.36
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Balance Unexpended .....	\$ 27.64
9. Salvage Collection .....	\$ 735.00
Expended:	
Pay Roll .....	\$ 735.00
10. Post War Planning .....	\$ 3,000.00
Expended:	
Pay Roll .....	\$ 205.74
Engineering .....	269.00
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Total Expended .....	\$ 474.74
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Balance Unexpended .....	\$ 2,525.26

11. Construction of West Hill Circle		
Balance Forward from 1943 .....	\$	834.05
No Expenditures in 1944		
12. Construction of Wescroft Road		
Balance Forward from 1943 .....	\$	1,850.90
No Expenditures in 1944		
13. Construction of Springvale Road		
Balance Forward from 1943 .....	\$	162.24
No Expenditures in 1944		
14. Construction of Harvard Street		
Balance Forward from 1943 .....	\$	341.20
No Expenditures in 1944		
15. Construction of Lewis Street		
Balance Forward from 1943 .....	\$	189.77
No Expenditures in 1944		
16. Development Committee		
Balance Forward from 1943 .....	\$	500.00
Expended:		
Printing .....	\$	242.85
Total Expended .....	\$	242.85
Total Unexpended .....	\$	257.15
17. Chapter 90 Maintenance:		
Received from State and County .....	\$	2,000.00
Received from Highway Department .....		1,000.00
	\$	3,000.00
Expended:		
Pay Roll .....	\$	1,572.94
Road Material .....		787.31
Road Machinery Account .....		639.75
Total Expended .....	\$	3,000.00
18. Road Machinery Fund		
Transfer from Road Machinery Account .....	\$	13,500.00
19. Gasoline Refunds .....		179.13
	\$	13,679.13
Expended:		
Repairs, gas and oil .....	\$	6,715.00
New Equipment .....		5,177.71
Total Expended .....	\$	11,892.71
Balance Unexpended .....	\$	1,786.42

# Totals

Items	Appro. and Transfers	Expended	Balance
1-20 .....	\$ 42,170.28	\$ 42,152.79	\$ 17.49
2-21 .....	10,500.00	10,470.63	29.32
3 .....	4,185.00	4,142.23	42.77
4 .....	4,250.00	4,241.05	8.95
5 .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	.00
6 .....	1,650.00	1,642.81	7.19
7 .....	1,800.00	1,727.48	72.52
8 .....	1,015.00	987.36	27.64
9 .....	735.00	735.00	.00
10 .....	3,000.00	474.74	2,525.26
11 .....	834.06	.00	834.06
12 .....	1,850.90	.00	1,850.90
13 .....	162.24	.00	162.24
14 .....	341.20	.00	341.20
15 .....	189.77	.00	189.77
16 .....	500.00	242.85	257.15
17 .....	3,000.00	3,000.00	.00
18-19 .....	13,679.13	11,892.71	1,786.42

Activities of the Highway Department in 1944 were for the most part confined to maintenance and repair projects, due to the lack of materials, funds, and man-power. During the war years the department has endeavored to maintain highway surfaces and thereby to prevent costly future repair and rebuilding. Because of limited annual appropriations highway surfaces, which for a period of years have received proper attention, are of necessity now receiving but a fraction of their former care. Should this condition long continue, highway surfaces will in time deteriorate seriously. Honing and mixed-in-place types of surface treatment, by far the most effective type of semi-permanent roadway maintenance, were reduced to a minimum to permit surface spraying and sand covering methods to be carried out on a maximum of streets.

Granolithic sidewalk construction was accomplished on several streets, applications for this type of work exceeding the funds appropriated therefore. No granite curbing was installed during the year, as the granite quarries could not supply it.

War emergency work continued through the year, with Victory Garden plowing and harrowing and paper and tin salvage collections actively engaged in by department equipment and personnel.

Shortage of experienced man-power continued through the year. During the summer months a small number of unskilled laborers were available.

A resume of the work accomplished by the Highway Department is outlined in the following more detailed report:

### Snow and Ice

Twelve snow storms were recorded in Reading during 1944, three of which were under 1" depth, five of which were under 2" in depth, and four of which were from 4" to 10" in depth and required plowing. The following table includes only the four storms requiring plowing:

**Recorded Snowfall—1944**

Date	Snowfall (inches)	Temp.	Wind Direction	Force	Remarks
Jan. 6-7	5	24°	N.N.W.	Moderate	Wet, heavy snow— rained prior to snow
Feb. 11-12	9	29°	N.N.W.	Moderate	Light and Fluffy
Mar. 20-21	10	28°	N.E.	Light to Moderate	Heavy—followed by rain
Dec. 28	4	22°	N.N.W.	Light to Moderate	Heavy—followed by sleet and rain
Total	28 Inches				

No major difficulties were experienced in any of the storms insofar as highway snow plowing was concerned, although three of the storms resulted in extremely heavy-textured snow, one of which was preceded by heavy rain, and two of which were followed by heavy rain. As a result, highways were bared of snow and ice at times during the winter, although minor snow storms and cold weather made necessary almost continual sanding of icy streets and sidewalks. Snow-fall was recorded on four days in January, one day in February, two days in March, two days in November, and four days in December, 1944.

Snow Removal equipment during 1944 included the regular eleven department heavy and light truck plow units and two hired truck plow units, as well as two sidewalk tractors and three hired horse-drawn sidewalk plow units. On December 4, 1944 a new Barber-Greene Snow Loader was delivered, and department employees trained as operators. In the snow storm of December 28 it was used on snow removal work for the first time, and, starting at 1:00 P.M. December 28, in fourteen hours snow had been removed from all regularly serviced locations.



Fifteen shovelers were used to clear snow from the edges of sidewalks ahead of the snow loader, and the Cletrac sidewalk tractor was used to clear intersections, push snow from curbs and gutters, and winrow snow from streets. Department trucks, rigged with new high sideboards, and six hired trucks, hauled snow from the snow loader. Low temperatures resulted in freezing the rain-soaked snow, but the snow loader was not hampered by the icy conditions. Many favorable comments were received from interested citizens who watched the loader at work. With the present severe man-power shortage, the snow loader will undoubtedly prove to be one of the most essential units of snow fighting equipment owned by the Town. Without this unit snow removal work, under the present conditions, would be slow, costly, and during excessive snowfalls, would not be feasible.

Regular routine preparations were made for the winter months, such as erecting snow fences to prevent drifting in known exposed locations, distributing and filling sand barrels, stockpiling sand, etc. All snow fighting equipment was overhauled and repaired prior to the snow months. Department trucks are becoming more prone to suffer mechanical break-downs, especially during the gruelling work of snow plowing. Certain of these trucks should be replaced at the first opportunity with new units.

During these snow storms, the Department again had the assistance of several former employees and private citizens, who were assigned to work as truck drivers, tractor drivers, plowmen, timekeepers, mechanics, etc., as their qualifications warranted.

The gratitude of the Department is extended to those men who, though not in any way obligated to do so, voluntarily work long hours at low pay rates under adverse weather conditions to assist in snow fighting operations.

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### **General Highway Maintenance**

Roadway maintenance was carried on to the fullest extent possible. Road oils, however, were more easily procured than in former years, as War Production Board restrictions on the use thereof were greatly eased in 1944. As in 1943, the majority of streets surface treated were done only on those sections most in need of repair. Both sand and stone cover material was used to cover 54,667 gallons of road oil. Extremely severe winter weather, with thawing and sub-zero temperatures alternating, resulted in badly deteriorated highway surfaces, particularly during a near record thawing period late in January.

Roadway patching was carried on extensively in an attempt to save highway surfaces from serious permanent damage, using gravel, patching material mixed at the highway garage, and ready-mixed commercial patching material. A total of 2210 gallons of cold patch liquid was used by the department in mixing cold patch aggregate at the garage, and 36 tons of ready-mixed commercial patching material was used in street patching operations.

Early in April, the regular program of street sweeping, cleaning and removal of accumulated sand and debris from streets and sidewalks was accomplished. Hand labor and the Roto Sweeper were used in this work.

Brush was cut during the Fall and Winter months on outlying streets and at dangerous street intersections. A large section of the area adjacent to the gravel pit was also stripped of trees and brush.

A new mechanical sand spreader, similar to those already constructed was built at the garage machine shop and proved of good value. Wooden street signs, constructed, painted and lettered at the highway garage by department employees, were made as required to replace broken or defaced commercial metal signs, now unobtainable because of war-time metal shortages.

The gravel crushing plant was overhauled, repaired and operated, and its product stock-piled for routine use.

## **Chapter 90 Maintenance**

Chapter 90 Maintenance work was accomplished on Main, Woburn, Salem, Lowell, Haverhill, and West Streets with the approval of the State Department of Public Works. Road oils were applied to sections of some of these streets, and sand or stone covered. On Main Street, sections of concrete roadway, which had been damaged and spalled, were patched with Type I mixture. Other maintenance work on these State-Country aid highways included repairing, replacing, and painting damaged guard rail posts, cutting out shoulders and gutters, cleaning catch basins and culverts, etc.

## **Chapter 83 Construction**

For the second consecutive year, no streets were accepted as Public Ways, nor were any streets constructed under the provisions of Chapter 83 during 1944. Several streets, accepted in previous years, have yet to be constructed, due to shortage of manpower and materials.

### Granolithic Sidewalk Construction

The following table illustrates granolithic sidewalk construction in 1944.

#### Granolithic Sidewalk Construction by Streets

	Number Lots	Feet Frontage	Square Yards
Grand Street .....	1	82.20	49.95
Haven Street .....	1	60.00	36.73
Hampshire Road .....	2	160.00	90.49
Hillcrest Road .....	1	91.00	50.56
Linden Street .....	1	82.55	47.55
Lowell Street .....	1	50.00	39.43
Prospect Street .....	1	60.00	43.90
Wescroft Road .....	1	80.00	47.62
West Street .....	5	369.20	221.71
Total .....	14	1,034.95	627.94

Each of the above listed granolithic sidewalks was installed at the owners' request under the provisions of the Betterment Act, the property owner paying one-half the cost of construction of the sidewalk abutting his property. Several applications are on hand for future construction, lack of sufficient funds during 1944 preventing their construction.

Several existing granolithic sidewalks were repaired during the year, and in some instances sectors were removed and replaced. Tree roots, frost heaves and other physical causes were responsible for the damaged sidewalks.

### Stonedust Sidewalks

Stonedust was used to temporarily surface 4,512 lineal feet of gravel or earth sidewalks abutting 46 different locations, totaling 2,806 square yards, 60.5 tons of stonedust being used for this purpose. These installations were for the most part done on application of abutting property owners, to temporarily improve sidewalk conditions. Funds for this type of work being limited, an attempt is made each year to accommodate requests in the order received.

### Gravel Sidewalks

Gravel sidewalks were installed in several locations, also as a temporary relief from bad sidewalk conditions, and in most instances were topped with stone dust. Tree lawns were loamed and seeded as time and conditions permitted.

### Granite Curbing

No new granite curbing installations were made in 1944, as granite quarries were not producing curbing for the market. Several applications are on file for installation when curbing is again available.

One short installation of salvaged curbing was made on Deering Street corner of Harriman Avenue, and a curb inlet set at a new catch basin on Vista Avenue.

### Storm Water Drainage

Four storm water drain extensions were made in 1944, as illustrated in the following table:

Location	Size and Length of Pipe					Totals	
	30"	Size and Length of Pipe 18"	12"	10"	8"	C.B.'s	M.H.'s
Cross Street	186					1	2
Deering Street					24	1	
Temple Street		542	62			3	4
Washington St.			480	162		7	4
Totals	186	542	542	162	24	12	10
							1,456

On Temple Street, the drain partially installed in 1943 was completed, in 1944, running from the angle in Temple Street to Woburn Street. The completion of this drain eliminates the flow of surface water from Temple Street over private property, and accommodates the surface water run-off from Temple Street hill.

The Washington Street drain eliminated a particularly annoying condition between Elliott and Village Streets, where a flat gradient and no opportunity for roadside run-off resulted in flooding of the street surface after every storm. In relation to this drain, a drain was also laid from the end of Elliott Street to Bolton Street open drain ditch, and a stone retaining wall erected in the ditch at the point of connection.

Off Cross Street, an easement was taken through private property and a sector of open drain ditch piped and covered, to eliminate an annoying condition to abutting residences. A concrete floor and stone rip-rap wall was constructed at Cross Street box culvert to accommodate the pipe drain.

At Deering Street and Harriman Avenue a short drain was laid to eliminate a bad drain condition in that section of Deering Street.

### **Maintenance of Storm Drains**

The routine cleaning, widening and deepening of open drain ditches was accomplished as conditions permitted during the year. It is necessary to maintain these open ditches to permit draining of low swampy areas. The Quannapowitt Drain Ditch System, which is now rough-excavated in its entirety, carries the run-off from many of these ditches and greatly increases the speed of surface water run-off.

Work of a semi-permanent nature was accomplished in several large open drain ditches, such as installing concrete floors and/or rip-rapped walls in sections of ditches subject to erosion, erecting stone head and wing-walls at culverts, etc.

Storm drain pipes were rodded and flushed in several sections where danger of clogging was imminent, and several culverts were also so treated. Catch basins and manholes were cleaned out and repairs made as needed.

The bulldozer was used to level and fill over several recently piped ditches, and in two instances the filled and graded areas were loamed and seeded.

### **Dumps**

John Street public dump was maintained during the year, and a department caretaker was in attendance during scheduled working hours. At intervals through the year, a bulldozer was used to push back and level off the dumping areas. Gravel was applied to the roadway in the dump several times to permit more easy access.

Citizens are again urged to save and turn in on regular salvage collections for the war effort all waste paper, tin, fats and metals. Each year tons of these materials are thrown away in the dump by thoughtless persons.

### **War Emergency**

During the year, the Department has cooperated with the Reading Public Safety Committee and the local Office of Civilian Defense. Emergency equipment has been kept in readiness for any emergency which might occur.

In December, when coal could not be procured for heating schools and public buildings, department trucks, gasoline shovel and personnel, loaded and delivered bituminous coal from the Town's coal stock pile to all public buildings requiring same.



## **Victory Gardens**

Reading's Victory Gardeners, apparently still anxious to grow at least a part of their own food supply and undaunted by the unfavorable weather conditions of the 1943 growing season, again appealed to the Board of Public Works for garden plowing and harrowing, as local professional plowmen were again unable to accommodate the heavy demand for garden plowing.

The tractor plow and harrow rig started Spring plowing operations on April 21, and followed a chronological list of plowing applications insofar as ground conditions permitted: ie, those gardens first on the list but found to be too wet to work were left until a later date, and dry gardens plowed first. Profiting by the experience gained in 1943, also aided by the fact that many gardens which were virgin sod in 1943 had been well conditioned during the year, the plow crew completed a list of 85 Victory Gardens, plowed and harrowed, on May 27. Weather conditions were ideal during this plowing period, the total rainfall in Reading for the month of May being but .83 inches. Many of the applications received for plowing were "repeaters" from 1943, others were from new gardeners.

A tentative survey of 1944 Victory Gardens in the Fall showed as a whole that the gardening effort was well worth-while, and that crops as a general thing were more abundant than those of 1943. Good weather with moderate rainfall attended the growing season, and many amateur gardeners had corrected mistakes made in 1943.

Although several applications were received for Fall plowing, pressure of departmental work and lack of manpower prevented their being done. These applications will, however, receive priority in 1945 Spring plowing operations.

## **Hurricane—September 14-15, 1944**

The hurricane arrived in Reading at 10:00 P.M. Thursday, Sept. 14, with moderate winds from the South-East, barometric pressure 30.0 inches and falling rapidly. By 11:30 P.M. the wind had increased to hurricane velocity and all electric power was off in Reading, with the exception of that section serviced with underground ducts.

At about 9:30 P.M. a thunderstorm started with gentle rain increasing rapidly to a torrential downpour. The rain gauge at Hundred Acre Pumping Station recorded 3.71 inches of rainfall Friday morning.

Department personnel were called out at 11:30 P.M. Thursday and held in readiness for emergencies during the peak of the hurricane.



The high winds, estimated at 75 to 105 miles per hour by the Boston Weather Bureau, coupled with the heavy rainfall, twisted branches and leaves from trees and caused streets to become flooded in many sections from clogged catch-basins and culverts. Crews of men were sent out to clear catch basins and otherwise permit the water to run off the high-ways.

By 2:00 A.M. the wind had died down to a gentle breeze, and the rain had stopped. At 3:00 A.M., however, the wind shifted to nearly due North, and again attained hurricane velocity, accompanied by heavy rains. This second storm was of greater intensity than the preceding one, but was of shorter tenure, and seemed to cause the most property damage. By 5:00 A.M. Friday, the storm was over and clear weather prevailed.

Crews of men were sent out to clear streets of debris, drain off local floods, and fill washouts. Few large trees were felled by the storm, the damage being mainly confined to branches. No streets were impassable at any time due to tree blocks, although some trees fell in streets. All timber from the storm was trucked to the Welfare Dept. wood yard on John Street.

Hurricane emergency work continued daily through Monday, September 18, on which day streets in residential sections were raked clear of fallen leaves, twigs and small branches.

Compared to the hurricane of September 21, 1938, the 1944 hurricane caused little damage in Reading.

### Salvage Collection

In cooperation with the Reading Salvage Committee, six Town-wide salvage collections were made in 1944, for paper and tin only. No iron or heavy metals were collected during the year, as the immediate need for this type of material has apparently been satisfied.

The following table shows the dates and approximate quantities of material collected during 1944:

Date	Kind	Tons Paper (Approx.)	Tons Tin (Approx.)
January 11	Paper and Tin	40	4
March 14	" " "	35	6
May 15	" " "	54	10
August 14	" " "	35	5
October 16	" " "	35	5
December 18	" " "	40	4
Approximate Totals		239 Tons	34 Tons

During each of these collections, all Board of Public Works equipment and personnel were assigned to the operation, and were assisted each time by trucks and men of the Municipal Light, Cemetery, Moth, and Welfare Departments. Suitable publicity preceded each collection date, and on the appointed days trucks covered every street in Reading, making curb collections.

During each salvage collection, two railroad freight box cars were spotted on Vine Street railroad siding, to receive newspaper and similar textured paper, and local junk dealers were present with trucks to receive books and magazines. The freight cars were routed direct to a paper mill in Bradford, Mass., and the local junk dealers disposed of the books and magazines through the proper channels.

The need for all types of scrap paper in the war effort continues to be of utmost importance, and citizens are urgently requested to cooperate in future salvage collections. All kinds of paper are urgently needed, and householders should take time to tie in bundles or bale not only newspaper but paper bags, wrapping paper, envelopes, etc. Then, on regularly scheduled collection days, bundles or bales should be placed on curb or sidewalks in full view of the truck drivers.

Tin collections also have a high priority, and many empty cans now disposed of in the town dump could be saved and used in the war effort if the housewife would rinse them out, remove the labels, and flatten them out after removing the contents. Tin cans should be placed in paper cartons or bags and put out with the paper contributions. All tin cans collected in 1944 were hauled to the Everett City Yards in department trucks and there loaded into freight cars.

## PARK DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the Park Department:

Appropriation ..... \$ 4,500.00

Expended:

### Memorial Park

Pay Roll ..... \$ 650.19

Supplies ..... 36.17

\$ 686.36

### Leach Park

Pay Roll ..... \$ 89.45

Supplies ..... 12.16

\$ 101.61

### Skating Rink

Pay Roll ..... \$ 372.96

Lights ..... 19.34

Supplies ..... 17.84

\$ 410.14

### Commons

Pay Roll ..... \$ 254.75

Supplies ..... 54.29

\$ 309.04

### Washington St. Park

Pay Roll ..... \$ 907.19

Supplies and Misc. .... 106.46

\$ 1,013.65

### Birch Meadow

Pay Roll ..... \$ 992.81

Supplies and Misc. .... 74.77

\$ 1,067.58

### Miscellaneous

Pay Roll ..... \$ 229.66

Supplies and Misc. .... 194.88

Road Machinery Acct. .... 485.55

\$ 910.09

Total Expended ..... \$ 4,498.47

Balance Unexpended ..... \$ 1.53

## **PARK DEPARTMENT**

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Reading's Park and Playground system again enjoyed a successful and busy year, with its facilities for seasonal sports well patronized by citizens juvenile and adult. The Reading Recreation Committee again sponsored a well-planned and excellently supervised play program during the school vacation months, with a salaried director and playground staff. For a more complete chronicle of the results achieved by the Recreation Committee in 1944, reference is made to the report of said Committee printed elsewhere in this report.

Maintenance and repairs to parks and playgrounds were carefully planned and executed to take full advantage of the limited appropriation available. Services other than those of a strictly essential nature were, therefore, seriously impaired, as lawns, grassed areas, shrubs and ornamental evergreens must of necessity be maintained and account for a goodly portion of the present yearly appropriation.

A brief resume of the improvements and maintenance work accomplished at each park, playground and recreation center follows:

### **Memorial Park**

No improvements were accomplished at Memorial Park in 1944, due to lack of funds. The grounds were, however, maintained to the fullest extent possible, as were tennis courts, playground equipment, and in winter months, the ice skating pond. Some few essential repairs were made to Memorial Park Barn for use of the Recreation Committee supervised play program.

During the September hurricane, several beautiful shade trees were blown down, and other trees were injured when limbs were torn off by the high winds. Hurricane litter was cleaned up as soon as possible and stump holes loamed and graded.

Reading's Tercentenary observances were held at Memorial Park on Memorial Day, which furnished a suitable background for the occasion. Speaker's stand and spectators' seating facilities were erected by department employees.

### **Birch Meadow Playground**

Birch Meadow Playground continued to be popular for both summer and winter outdoor recreational activities, offering as it does facilities for tennis, baseball and softball, camping, wading, ice skating, hockey, and small children's play apparatus in season. During the Recreation Committee's organized play season, Birch Meadow was in constant use, and maintained the record of highest attendance of any park. All sports facilities at the playground were kept in as good repair as the appropriation permitted.

Acts of vandalism continue at Birch Meadow, some of a serious nature. In January, the dam controlling water in the skating area and

hockey rink was partially destroyed, resulting in much loss of water. The dam was rebuilt, and the skating areas back-filled with water from the town water system. Again, early in July, vandals entered the playground, ripped bleacher-boards off the bleachers and demolished them, pulled up and removed the volley ball posts, smashed storage boxes and threw contents into wading pool, etc. In event of apprehension of perpetrators of these acts of wanton destruction of Town property, it is the intent of the authorities to prosecute through the proper channels.

Some additional filling was hauled to the undeveloped portion of Birch Meadow, spread and graded. Brush and trees were removed from other areas during the winter months.

### **Washington Street Ball Park**

The usual Spring maintenance work was accomplished at the Ball Park as early in the Spring as weather conditions permitted, to permit base ball practice by the Reading High School Baseball team. The ball field was kept in reasonable good repair through the playing season, and withstood the Spring drought in fair condition.

Tennis courts, wading pool and small children's play equipment was repaired and maintained, and in constant use in season.

The annual July 4th Field Day, sponsored by the Board of Public Works, was held at the Ball Park on Tuesday, July 4. Under the direction of a representative of the Board of Public Works, assisted by Recreation Committee playground supervisors, twenty-five races, novelty and special events were staged, divided by age brackets into three classes for both boys and girls. Suitable merchandise prizes were awarded to first and second place winners in each event. Approximately 300 persons participated in the Field Day, as contestants and/or spectators.

### **Sturges Public Ice Skating and Winter Sports Center**

Ice skating and hockey was again enjoyed in season by a large group of winter sports devotees. The regular maintenance work was carried on to insure good ice surfaces as conditions warranted. Removal of war emergency blackout restrictions again made possible the use of floodlights for night hockey and skating activities, and several local ice hockey teams were active. A United States Navy hockey team from the U. S. Navy Frontier Base in Boston also used the hockey rink a few times for practice purpose.

### **War Memorial**

Maintenance of lawned areas, walks and shrubs was carried on through the summer months, and the back-ground planting of evergreen trees was pruned and trimmed to present a pleasing appearance.

### **Commons and Grass Plots**

The Common, Elm, and Leach Parks, and intersection grass plots received no special major improvements during 1944, but were maintained to present a neat appearance.

## SEWER DEPARTMENT

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To the Board of Public Works :

Gentlemen :

The following is the yearly report of the Sewer Department :

### Construction and Maintenance Account

Appropriation .....		\$ 12,800.00
Expended :		
Pay Roll .....	\$ 6,973.16	
Interest on Bonds .....	850.00	
Insurance .....	673.39	
Misc. Tools and Supplies .....	1,818.84	
Road Machinery Acct. ....	1,735.44	
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Total Expended .....		\$ 12,050.83
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Balance Unexpended .....		\$ 749.17

### House Connection Account

Appropriation .....		\$ 1,500.00
Expended :		
Pay Roll .....	\$ 1,283.94	
Pipe, Fittings, etc. ....	216.06	
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Total Expended .....		\$ 1,500.00

### Main Trunk Sewer Extensions

Six main trunk sewer extensions totaling 918.0 feet were installed in 1944, each installation being made on applications of owners of existing residences and other buildings to connect their premises with the common sanitary sewer. Underdrains totaling 335.0 feet were installed in three streets, in conjunction with trunk sewer extensions.



The longest extension was made to permit connection of a manufacturing establishment on Pierce Street, that, due to Federal War contracts, urgently required sewage disposal facilities. To make this connection, it was necessary to extend the trunk sewer on Eaton, Salem, and Pierce Streets.

Extensions on Harrison, Linden, Deering, Woburn Streets and Bancroft Avenue were made to permit existing residences whose private cesspools had become unusable to connect with the common sewer. As War Production Board restriction on sewer extensions have been greatly modified, it was not necessary to secure priority ratings for any of these extensions. Twelve existing dwellings were listed as possible house sewer connections through these extensions. Seven were immediately connected.

The following table illustrates main trunk sewer extensions in 1944, by streets.

**MAIN TRUNK SEWER EXTENSIONS**

Location	Size and Length of Pipe				Man Holes	Y's	Totals (Pipe Only)	Possible Conn.
	12" C.I.	12" V.C.	8" V.C.	6" V.C.				
Harrison St.....	25.50	....	....	....	..	1	25.50	1
Eaton St.....	....	122.70	....	....	..	..	122.70	..
Salem St.....	....	....	77.20	....	2	..	77.20	2
Pierce St.....	....	....	250.10	....	1	6	250.10	2
Linden St.....	....	....	....	117.00	..	3	117.00	2
Deering St.....	....	....	....	170.00	1	..	170.00	1
Bancroft Ave.....	....	....	....	72.50	..	3	72.50	2
Woburn St.....	....	....	....	83.00	..	2	83.00	2
Totals.....	25.50	122.70	327.30	442.50	4	15	918.00	12

### Sewer Maintenance

One break occurred in a main trunk sewer, caused by storm water drainage construction work on Temple Street. Two new lengths of sewer pipe were folded in to repair the break.

The yearly cleaning and flushing of main trunk sewers laid to flat gradients was accomplished, to eliminate any danger of clogging. No stoppages of main trunk sewers occurred during the year.

### **Sewer House Connections**

Twenty-six new sewer house connections were completed in 1944, having a total length of 1437.90 feet, at an average cost to the individual property owner of \$46.89 per connection. Thirteen of the sewer house connections were installed on a cash deposit basis, and thirteen were installed under the provisions of the Sewer Betterment Act which requires no initial deposit and permits payments to be extended over a period of years.

The annual notification citing the provisions of Chapter 280, General Laws, Acts of 1937, which became effective July 15, 1938, being an Act requiring property owners to connect their estates with the common sewer within a specified time period, was made to all owners of unconnected estates situated on sewered streets. The statute requires that properties abutting streets in which a common sewer is available or is constructed in the future must be connected thereto within a period of ten years, after, either the acceptance date of the Act by the Town (July 15, 1938) or the construction date of a sewer at a later time.

As of January 1, 1945, there are in the area serviced by the Reading sewer system 934 possible sewer house connections on existing sewered streets, of which number 725 or 74 per cent, are now connected. A majority of the remaining 259 possible sewer house connections will be directly affected by the above cited act:ie: Must be connected on or before July 15, 1948.

### **Sewer House Connection Maintenance**

Temporary stoppages occurred in seventeen separate sewer house connections during the year, fifteen of which were caused by tree roots entering the sewer pipe through defective joints, the remaining two caused by the attempted disposal of insoluble objects in the sanitary sewer. It was necessary to re-lay three of the stopped sewer connections in part. A number of sewer connections known to have a tendency to repeatedly clog were rodded and flushed as conditions warranted.

# READING SEWERAGE SYSTEM

Tables Showing

Streets Containing Sewers

Length of Sewer Connections

Main Sewers in Streets

Underdrains in Streets

# STREETS

Streets	Possible Con- nections	Completed Con- nections	Per Cent Con- nected	No Con- struction Started	Connected to Street Line	Partially Installed to House	Revenue Charged 1944
Arlington.....	12	8	67	1	2	1	79.41
Ash.....	17	10	59	6	..	1	136.64
Bancroft.....	29	20	69	9	..	..	187.28
Berkeley.....	27	19	70	8	..	..	215.31
Brook.....	9	5	56	2	..	2	51.09
Center.....	10	9	90	..	1	..	107.77
Chute.....	2	1	50	1	..	..	6.00
Copeland.....	8	8	100	..	..	..	146.59
Deering.....	1	1	100	..	..	..	...
Dudley.....	10	7	70	3	..	..	103.23
Eaton.....	12	6	50	6	..	..	21.09
Echo.....	4	3	75	1	..	..	65.49
Elliott.....	8	5	63	3	..	..	73.03
Elm.....	4	2	50	2	..	..	12.22
Fremont.....	4	4	100	..	..	..	47.15
Fulton.....	1	1	100	..	..	..	17.40
Gardner.....	8	8	100	..	..	..	57.02
Gilmore.....	2	2	100	..	..	..	44.82
Gould.....	3	3	100	..	..	..	29.38
Green.....	53	43	81	4	1	5	517.35
Harnden.....	9	8	89	..	1	..	139.85
Harrison.....	10	8	80	2	..	..	116.89
Haven.....	46	31	67	7	6	2	700.86
High.....	17	9	53	6	2	..	97.08
Hillcrest.....	10	9	90	1	..	..	118.30
Howard.....	18	18	100	..	..	..	205.86
Ide.....	2	1	50	1	..	..	16.10
John.....	19	17	89	2	..	..	337.74
King.....	6	6	100	..	..	..	134.83
Kingston.....	15	15	100	..	..	..	129.93
Lincoln.....	7	5	71	..	2	..	107.61
Linden.....	13	8	62	4	..	1	121.48
Lowell.....	4	4	100	..	..	..	68.81
Main.....	54	44	82	..	8	2	1,042.45
Maple.....	2	1	50	..	1	..	7.59
Middle.....	3	2	66	1	..	..	10.35
Middlesex.....	24	16	66	6	..	2	273.33
Minot.....	12	9	75	..	1	2	114.76
Mt. Vernon.....	23	17	74	6	..	..	178.62
Orange.....	3	2	66	1	..	..	42.80
Parker.....	7	7	100	..	..	..	83.42
Park.....	7	6	86	..	..	1	63.02
Pearl.....	16	5	31	11	..	..	86.47
Perkins.....	7	7	100	..	..	..	117.09
Pierce.....	2	1	50	1	..	..	18.66
Pine.....	1	1	100	..	..	..	6.00
Pleasant.....	37	23	62	12	2	..	328.96
Pratt.....	6	5	83	1	..	..	50.16
Prescott.....	53	50	94	1	2	..	607.62
Prospect.....	18	10	56	7	1	..	168.75
Salem.....	24	15	63	2	7	..	293.59
Sanborn.....	15	11	73	2	..	2	364.89
School.....	10	8	80	2	..	..	69.41
Scotland.....	3	3	100	..	..	..	32.82
Smith.....	15	15	100	..	..	..	176.86
Summer.....	18	9	50	8	..	1	149.06
Sunnyside.....	1	1	100	..	..	..	...
Sweetser.....	5	3	60	..	2	..	38.13
Temple.....	33	15	45	..	12	6	312.88
Union.....	5	3	60	1	..	1	39.57
Village.....	22	16	73	5	..	1	190.93
Warren.....	17	15	88	..	1	1	201.17
Washington.....	39	29	74	9	1	..	335.27
Wenda.....	4	4	100	..	..	..	41.43
Wilson.....	11	9	82	2	..	..	60.70
Woburn.....	87	59	61	3	22	3	814.20
Totals.....	984	725	74	150	75	34	10,534.57

**LENGTH OF SEWER CONNECTIONS RUN TO EITHER CURB,  
HOUSES, OR CONNECTED**

Streets	Curb	Houses	Connected	Total Length
Arlington.....	42.00	46.00	371.50	459.50
Ash.....	.....	.....	429.10	429.10
Bancroft.....	.....	.....	993.70	993.70
Berkeley.....	.....	.....	1,063.20	1,063.20
Brook.....	.....	85.50	252.60	338.10
Center.....	19.00	.....	371.50	390.50
Chute.....	.....	.....	66.50	66.50
Copeland.....	.....	.....	506.00	506.00
Deering.....	.....	.....	55.50	55.50
Dudley.....	.....	.....	441.00	441.00
Eaton.....	.....	.....	354.40	354.40
Echo.....	.....	.....	157.00	157.00
Elliott.....	.....	.....	264.00	264.00
Elm.....	.....	.....	84.30	84.30
Fremont.....	.....	.....	209.00	209.00
Fulton.....	.....	.....	44.00	44.00
Gardner.....	.....	.....	335.10	335.10
Gilmore.....	.....	.....	81.70	81.70
Gould.....	.....	.....	236.50	236.50
Green.....	36.00	173.00	1,873.41	2,082.41
Harnden.....	32.00	.....	257.80	289.80
Harrison.....	.....	.....	367.40	367.40
Haven.....	186.00	79.00	1,340.80	1,605.80
High.....	22.00	.....	346.50	368.50
Hillcrest.....	.....	.....	570.00	570.00
Howard.....	25.00	.....	1,157.50	1,182.50
Ide.....	.....	.....	56.50	56.50
John.....	.....	37.00	770.10	807.10
King.....	.....	.....	369.10	369.10
Kingston.....	.....	.....	636.00	636.00
Lincoln.....	70.00	.....	253.00	323.00
Linden.....	.....	41.00	394.70	435.70
Lowell.....	.....	.....	287.00	287.00
Main.....	338.50	99.00	2,234.75	2,672.25
Maple.....	18.00	.....	40.00	58.00
Middle.....	.....	.....	80.50	80.50
Middlesex.....	138.00	138.00	1,081.20	1,219.20
Minot.....	21.00	77.00	367.00	465.00
Mt. Vernon.....	.....	.....	870.50	870.50
Orange.....	.....	.....	128.90	128.90
Park.....	.....	37.00	208.00	245.00
Parker.....	.....	.....	302.50	302.50
Pearl.....	.....	.....	524.90	524.90
Perkins.....	.....	.....	434.80	434.80
Pierce.....	.....	.....	62.00	62.00
Pine.....	.....	.....	46.00	46.00
Pleasant.....	28.00	.....	1,152.30	1,180.30
Pratt.....	.....	.....	433.50	433.50
Prescott.....	68.00	148.00	3,256.80	3,472.80
Prospect.....	.....	.....	845.80	845.80
Salem.....	203.29	.....	949.31	1,152.60
Sanborn.....	.....	98.00	699.90	797.90
School.....	.....	.....	416.40	416.40
Scotland.....	.....	.....	163.00	163.00
Summer.....	.....	94.00	692.20	786.20
Smith.....	.....	.....	602.30	602.30
Sunnyside.....	.....	.....	52.50	52.50
Sweetser.....	43.00	.....	130.00	173.00
Temple.....	257.00	173.00	910.80	1,340.80
Union.....	.....	66.00	177.00	243.00
Village.....	.....	34.00	782.00	816.00
Warren.....	19.40	68.00	599.60	687.00
Washington.....	50.00	22.00	1,417.80	1,489.80
Wenda.....	.....	.....	202.50	202.50
Wilson.....	.....	43.00	580.90	623.90
Woburn.....	352.80	160.50	3,610.60	4,123.90
Totals.....	1,830.09	1,719.00	38,851.87	42,401.86

# LENGTH OF MAIN SEWERS IN STREETS

Streets	5"	6"	8"	10"	12"	15"	18"	20"	24"	Totals
Arlington...			399.80							399.80
Ash...			822.90			258.80				1,081.70
Bancroft...		72.50	1,366.79							1,439.29
Berkeley...			1,256.10							1,256.10
Brook...									847.60	847.60
Center...			620.60							620.60
Chute...			120.00							120.00
Copeland...			500.00							500.00
Deering...		170.00								170.00
Dudley...			374.50							374.50
Eaton...					622.70	907.70				1,530.40
Echo...				95.40	79.00					174.40
Elliott...			396.00							396.00
Elm...			383.28							383.28
Fremont...			456.50							456.50
Gardner...			475.00							475.00
Gilmore...	181.80									181.80
Green...		175.20	1,717.40			821.60				2,714.20
Harnden...			559.30							559.30
Harrison...			1,752.80			565.00				565.00
Haven...										1,752.80
High...				1,338.05	736.10					2,074.15
Hillcrest...			825.30							825.30
Howard...		300.00	1,110.00							1,410.00
Interceptors...			205.00						2,732.00	2,937.00
John...		110.00	206.00			569.60				1,241.10
King...		340.00	175.00						178.50	515.00
Kingston...			719.30							719.30
Lincoln...				573.40	538.10					1,111.50
Linden...		242.00	735.30							977.30
Lowell...			813.10							813.10
Main...			1,246.10		955.50			234.90		2,436.50
Maple...			189.20							189.20
Middle...			313.60							313.60
Middlesex...			1,423.40							1,423.40
Minot...			1,409.65							1,409.65
Mt. Vernon...			828.52	160.00						988.52
Orange...					396.21					396.21
Park...			507.30	322.70						830.00
Parker...			427.00							427.00
Pearl...					855.55					855.55
Perkins...			400.00							400.00
Pierce...			250.10							250.10
Pine...			226.00							226.00
Pleasant...			1,496.80		843.96					2,340.76
Pratt...			776.30							776.30
Prescott...			2,265.30		1,174.10					3,439.40
Prospect...			1,260.00							1,260.00
Salem...			1,082.10		132.50					1,214.60
Sanborn...			716.30							716.30
School...			688.25							688.25
Smith...				475.00						475.00
Summer...			1,229.40							1,229.40
Sunnyside...				264.00						264.00
Sweetser...			334.30							334.30
Temple...		896.76		432.89	661.39					1,991.04
Union...			303.60							303.60
Village...			1,015.60				487.80			1,503.40
Warren...			715.00							715.00
Washington...			424.90		246.80	312.90		1,574.30		2,558.90
Wenda...		300.00								300.00
Wilson...				471.40	333.10					804.50
Woburn...		815.80	2,999.25		917.40					4,732.45
Totals...	181.80	3,643.06	38,357.14	4,132.84	9,057.41	2,870.60	487.80	1,809.20	3,758.10	64,297.95



# LENGTH OF UNDERDRAINS IN STREETS

Streets	5 Inch	6 Inch	8 Inch	10 Inch	Total Length	Total Length Sewers and Underdrains
Arlington.....						399.80
Ash.....	237.00			258.80	495.80	1,577.50
Bancroft.....						1,439.29
Berkeley.....		456.00			456.00	1,712.10
Brook.....		847.60			847.60	1,695.20
Center.....	620.60				620.60	1,241.20
Chute.....						120.00
Copeland.....						500.00
Deering.....						170.00
Dudley.....						374.50
Eaton.....		1,002.70	527.70		1,530.40	3,060.80
Echo.....		159.00			159.00	333.40
Elliott.....						396.00
Elm.....	383.28				383.28	766.56
Fremont.....		456.50			456.50	913.00
Gardner.....						475.00
Gilmore.....						181.80
Green.....	836.90	974.10			1,811.00	4,525.20
Harnden.....						559.30
Harrison.....						565.00
Haven.....		588.20			588.20	2,341.00
High.....		487.70	736.10		1,223.80	3,297.95
Hillcrest.....		450.40			450.40	1,275.70
Howard.....		1,410.00			1,410.00	2,820.00
Interceptors.....		2,937.00			2,937.00	5,874.00
John.....		748.10			748.10	1,872.20
King.....		175.00			175.00	690.00
Kingston.....	609.30	110.00			719.30	1,438.60
Lincoln.....			1,111.50		1,111.50	2,223.00
Linden.....	290.40	444.90			735.30	1,712.60
Lowell.....						813.10
Main.....		1,246.10	955.50	234.90	2,436.50	4,873.00
Maple.....	189.20				189.20	378.40
Middle.....						313.60
Middlesex.....	254.00				254.00	1,677.40
Minot.....	972.65	437.00			1,409.65	2,819.30
Mt. Vernon.....		230.30			230.30	1,218.82
Orange.....		396.21			396.21	792.42
Park.....	507.30		322.70		830.00	1,660.00
Parker.....						427.00
Pearl.....		855.55			855.55	1,711.10
Perkins.....						400.00
Pierce.....		155.20			155.20	405.30
Pine.....	226.00				226.00	452.00
Pleasant.....		374.00	469.80		843.80	3,184.56
Pratt.....	252.20	303.30			555.50	1,331.90
Prescott.....	1,070.60	2,091.80			3,162.40	6,601.80
Prospect.....	886.00				886.00	2,146.00
Salem.....	543.00	77.20	132.50		752.70	1,967.30
Sanborn.....	200.00				200.00	916.30
School.....						688.25
Smith.....						475.00
Summer.....						1,229.40
Sunnyside.....		222.00			222.00	456.00
Sweetser.....	175.00				175.00	509.30
Temple.....		40.00			40.00	2,031.04
Union.....						303.60
Village.....		825.00			825.00	2,328.40
Warren.....	715.00				715.00	1,430.00
Washington.....		724.00	246.80	1,163.20	2,134.00	4,692.90
Wenda.....			804.50		804.50	300.00
Wilson.....			917.40		917.40	1,609.00
Woburn.....	1,196.00				2,113.40	6,845.85
Totals.....	10,164.43	19,224.86	6,224.50	1,656.90	37,270.69	101,568.64

# REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the executive office:

Appropriation .....	\$ 6,260.00
Expended:	
Salaries .....	\$ 5,504.78
Supplies and Misc. ....	735.00
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Total Expended .....	\$ 6,239.78
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Balance Unexpended .....	\$ 20.22

The following table shows the expenditures made this past year in the major departments, the payroll of each, and the entire expenditures of the Department of Public Works:

Note: Highway includes all other departmental accounts not specifically mentioned below, such as Chapter 90, Drainage, Sidewalks, Snow and Ice, etc.

	B.P.W.	Water	Highway	Sewer	Park	Totals
Pay Roll	\$5,504.78	\$16,278.90	\$43,814.60	\$8,257.10	\$3,517.91	\$ 77,373.29
Bills	735.00	22,915.18	41,195.10	5,293.73	980.56	71,119.57
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Total	\$6,239.78	\$39,194.08	\$85,009.70	\$13,550.83	\$4,498.47	\$148,492.86

In closing this report, the Superintendent wishes to express his appreciation to the members of the Board for their many helpful suggestions and kindnesses extended to him during the year, and to assure all those in any way associated with him in carrying on the work of the Department of his gratitude for their interest and co-operation, and to acknowledge the assistance, co-operation and helpful suggestions which he has received from the other department heads of the town.

PHILIP WELCH, Superintendent.

## SPECIAL DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

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To the Citizens of Reading, the Special Drainage Committee for the Lake Quannapowitt Drainage Area submits its fifth annual report:

The Committee held two general meetings during the year, and subcommittees held several meetings and conferences with State officials in relation to problems involving the drain construction.

Report of progress in actual construction of the ditch system during 1944 is as follows: The lateral ditch Easterly of John Street, and ditches Westerly of Ash Street and Northerly of Brook Street were excavated with the Bay City shovel rigged with clam shell bucket, completing the roughing-out of all drain ditches in the accepted layout. No fine grading has been done on any of the ditches, although some of the ditches were gone over a second time with the shovel rig to remove shoals, trim banks, etc. Hand labor for this work was supplied by the Board of Public Works, who assigned a small crew of men for a short time period to cut off hummocks in ditch locations, make new wooden support mats for the shovel rig to travel on, cut trees and brush on the ditch locus, etc. At Vernon Street, Wakefield, a section of the ditch was ripped-rapped with stone to prevent erosion of the ditch bank upstream of the Vernon Street culvert.

At the Salem Street culvert, a cement floor and low wall was installed by a private contractor employed by the State under contract. The State also caused to be made an additional taking of a five-foot strip of land on the Northerly side of the ditch easement from Salem Street, Westerly. This taking was found necessary to accommodate a roadway for maintenance purposes on the Northerly side of the ditch.

The drain ditch system has functioned efficiently in its entirety, although shoals and high places remain in the rough-excavated ditches and should be fine graded to permit proper drainage when dry weather causes slight run-off of water. During the peak of 1944 rainfall months of September and November, and especially after the 3.71 inch rainfall of September 14, observations were taken at various points along the ditch, which was found to be handling the peak run-off efficiently.

The area affected by the drain system continues to be benefited to the fullest expectation of the engineers who designed the system. Ground water levels have dropped to well below cellar floors, resulting in dry cellars which formerly were flooded during every wet period. The swamps at the head of Lake Quannapowitt, off John Street, and off Eaton Street and Salem Street have also been drained to a considerable extent.

During the summer months, the ditch system was inspected and studied by United States Army engineers and officials of the State Department of Public Health, who were interested in its value as a public health measure for swamp drainage and mosquito control. All inspecting officials spoke favorably of the drainage system.

It is proposed by the Drainage Committee that completion of the entire drain system can be done by some type of Post War work project. Remaining to be done, in addition to fine grading and finishing off the excavated ditches, are the proposed dike along the Reading-Wakefield Town Line from John Street to Ash Street, plank sheathing and/or stone rip-rap in sections of the ditches, installing guard rails, and building a gravel roadway the entire length of the ditch for maintenance purposes. Much of this work can be done with but a small cost for materials, labor being the main item.

Much thought has been given the future financing of the project, and a full financial report was submitted to the citizens of Reading at the March 1944 annual Town Meeting. The Committee believes the completion of the project must be postponed for the present, but is convinced that some form of Post War Planning should be instituted for its ultimate completion.

In closing this report, the Committee wishes to express its appreciation of the cooperation received through the year from the State Department of Public Works, the Reading Board of Public Works, and the other Boards and officials with whom it has conferred.

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman  
HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Secretary  
CARL W. GOODRIDGE  
WILLIAM A. CONNELLY  
PHILIP WHITE  
SAMUEL H. DAVIS  
ARTHUR W. COOLIDGE  
EDWARD A. BROPHY  
FRED LAIDLAW  
GEORGE ZANNI

Reading Drainage Committee.

## READING RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

### FOR SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS - 1944

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To the Citizens of the Town of Reading, the Reading Recreation Committee herewith respectfully submits its second annual report:

The Committee as a whole held eleven general meetings during the year, and sub-committees held various other sessions as occasions required. Individual members also spent much time on recreational and juvenile problems.

Mr. Gilbert M. Lothrop, Chairman of the Committee, joined the armed forces of the United States early in the year and submitted his resignation, which was accepted with regrets. Mr. Lothrop had given freely of his time and efforts on the Committee. Mr. Harold W. Putnam of the Board of Public Works was elected a member of the Recreation Committee in place of Mr. Lothrop. Later in the year, Mrs. Edith Holcomb resigned from the Committee because of a change of residence to another State. Mrs. Holcomb had worked unceasingly on the Committee from its inception. Mr. Herbert K. Miller was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.

Mr. Grant Longley, Director of Physical Education at Dean Academy, Franklin, Mass., was again chosen as Director for Summer Playgrounds, and was supplied with a staff of competent assistants, many of whom had served in a similar capacity in 1943. All of these assistants were carefully chosen by the Committee, and many of them were specialists in one or more particular sports, arts and handicrafts.

Prior to the start of the summer recreational program, questionnaires were prepared by the Committee and distributed at the Junior and Senior High Schools to determine the dominant interest of the students, followed by a Round Table discussion at each school so that interested students might express their ideas and viewpoints as to the type of program that they would most enjoy and actively participate in. These Round Table discussions were guided and supervised by school personnel. One of the immediate results of the Round Table was the election of fifteen boys and girls by the student body to form a Youth Council. This Council's main work was with the "teen-agers" and a Youth Canteen.

Four days prior to the official opening of the Playgrounds, a meeting of the playground staff was held. Instruction in playground administration was given by Director Longley, and play-leaders and assistants assigned to the three playgrounds and three schools chosen as locations for the summer recreation program.



The summer playground program was carried on during the months of July and August, and attendance averaged higher daily than the previous year. The program was similar to that of 1943, but on a larger scale; improved; and more smoothly operated, after the first year of experience. A larger and more experienced playground staff aided greatly in the success of the 1944 program.

An employment bureau was again operated at the playgrounds. An investigation disclosed that several young persons who found employment through this bureau in 1943 were still continuing with the same employer, with all parties to the contract well pleased with the employment bureau. Publicity was given the bureau in the Reading Chronicle from time to time during the season. Thirty-seven children registered as desiring positions, and fourteen employers offered fifteen positions, twelve of which were satisfactorily filled.

Continuing the precedent established in 1943, each boy and girl on the playgrounds that used handicraft materials was charged the cost price of the material used. The children purchased Defense Stamps from the Play Leaders to pay for the article purchased—then the children retained the stamps. Many children took advantage of this novel idea, with the result that the handicraft classes were large and well attended. The Craft Leader in charge of all handicraft work was most ingenious with the many ideas she gave the children to work out. Many times they used scrap material brought from home, or salvaged by the Craft Leader from her own rag bag. It was noted that quite a number of children on our playgrounds could not afford to even save money through the purchase of Defense Stamps. These children, (left to the discretion of the Craft Leader and local play leader) were not required to purchase Defense Stamps to obtain handicraft materials. Defense stamp sales, from all playgrounds, totaled \$164.85.

The Ragweed Contest sponsored annually by the Reading Woman's Club, was again held. Teams were organized early in the year at each playground, each team bettered their 1943 total collection. Memorial Playground once again was the winner with 3350 pounds of ragweed. This was 1100 pounds more than in 1943.

Once more Washington Street Playground proved to be the baseball center of Reading as the winning team of all three leagues came from this playground. Baseball is the one main interest of the boys from that section, while a team could not even be organized at Memorial Park.

The tennis tournament in 1944 was not anymore successful than in 1943. It was most difficult to get the men players to play their opponents. Apparently the tennis playing men of Reading are more of the recreational tennis playing type than the competitive type.



At the request of the children, a Beginner's Swimming Class was instructed at Birch Meadow wading pool. Sixty children enrolled and appeared the first week of the course and were very enthusiastic. However, due to vacations, sickness, and inability to grasp confidence in the water in such a short time as the three-weeks course permitted, only the leading sixteen in the class were given final examinations. Of these, twelve successfully passed and received the American Red Cross Beginner's Certificate. This course was very popular and successful, and should be extended and repeated in 1945.

A strong "teen-age" program seemed to be the best solution in realizing some of the aims and objectives of the Recreation Committee. Starting with the Youth Council selected by high school undergraduates, summer dances were organized and held. The Senior High School gym was used as a "Youth Canteen" each week-day evening except Wednesday, when the dances were held. A juke box was secured, some second-hand furniture borrowed, as well as two ping-pong tables and several quiet games. Once the Canteen got underway, the average attendance was between forty and fifty members per night. A small membership fee of \$.50 was charged for the season. Some difficulty was encountered in obtaining adults to volunteer as mentors at the Canteen.

In November, the Reading Chapter of Royal Arcanum volunteered to assume responsibility for operation of the Youth Canteen, subject to the approval and assistance of the Recreation Committee. A group from Royal Arcanum visited nearby canteens to observe their operation, and developed an improved program for Reading. Reading Post 62 American Legion offered the use of Legion Hall to the Youth Canteen on Friday and Saturday evenings, and a well attended and supervised Youth Canteen has resulted. The Committee wishes to publicly acknowledge the excellent work of Royal Arcanum in respect to the Youth Canteen program as developed and supervised by them.

In conclusion of this report, the Recreation Committee is thoroughly convinced that the recreation program as carried on for the past two years has been well worth the monetary cost and sincerely recommends the program be continued in 1945.

The Committee also wishes to extend its thanks and appreciation to all who have in any way assisted them in their efforts to conduct a Recreational and Educational program. The Committee particularly wishes to acknowledge the active cooperation extended to them by the Board of Public Works, the School Committee, Library Trustees, Selectmen, the Churches, the Reading Rotary International and the Reading Woman's Club.

Reading Recreation Committee,

HERBERT K. MILLER, Chairman  
HAROLD W. PUTNAM  
REV. DR. CHARLES F. LANCASTER

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

## For the Year Ended December 31, 1944

The transactions in the General Cash Account, in summary form, were as follows :

Balance January 1, 1944.....	\$ 245,380.31
Receipts .....	1,689,214.00
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	\$1,934,594.31
Disbursements .....	\$1,504,483.30
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Balance December 31, 1944 .....	430,111.01

### Funded Debt

Outstanding January 1, 1944 .....	\$ 329,500.00	
Bonds and Notes Issued in 1944.....	None	\$329,500.00
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Bonds and Notes Paid in 1944.....	\$ 71,000.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1944 .....	258,500.00	\$329,500.00
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### Chapter 90 Loans in Anticipation of Reimbursement

Outstanding January 1, 1944 .....	None	
Notes Issued in 1944 .....	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
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Notes Paid in 1944 .....	\$ 2,000.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1944 .....	None	\$ 2,000.00
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A more detailed statement of receipts and disbursements and a statement of the trust funds are presented in the report of the Town Accountant.

PRESTON F. NICHOLS,  
Treasurer

**Annual Report**

**of the**

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

**Receipts and Expenditures**

**For the Year ended December 31, 1944**

# RECEIPTS 1944

## FROM TAXES

### Current Year:

Property .....	\$549,835.98
Poll .....	5,640.00

### Previous Years:

Property .....	85,414.71
Poll .....	20.00

\$640,910.69

Tax Title Redemptions .....

\$ 2,584.39

### From the State:

Income Tax .....	\$ 65,235.00
Corporation Tax .....	48,616.16
Meal Tax, Chap. 729, Acts 1941 .....	2,665.10
Gasoline Tax .....	20,335.32

\$136,851.58

### From the County:

Dog License Fees .....	\$ 1,535.57
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### From Special Assessments Added to Taxes:

Moth and Tree Work .....	\$ 734.00
Sewer .....	836.89
Sewer House Connections .....	291.24
Sidewalk .....	1,193.10
Highway .....	2,222.21
Victory Garden Plowing .....	67.50

\$ 5,344.94

### Betterment Assessments Advance Payments:

Sewer .....	\$ 61.11
Sewer House Connections .....	92.41
Sidewalk .....	162.33
Highway .....	370.82

\$ 686.67

From Motor Vehicle Excise .....

\$ 12,870.80

From Licenses and Permits:

### Board of Selectmen:

Revolver .....	\$ 33.50
Theater .....	57.00
Second Hand Auto .....	22.50
Lord's Day .....	90.00

Junk .....	25.00
Common Victualers .....	14.00
Second Hand Furniture .....	6.00
Bowling and Pool .....	10.00
Taxi Cab .....	8.00
Inn Holder .....	1.00
Trucking .....	10.00
Auctioneers .....	12.00
Transient Vendor .....	5.00

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\$ 294.00

Board of Health:

Physiotherapist .....	\$ 1.00
Undertaker .....	6.00
Masseur .....	1.00
Frozen Desserts .....	10.00
Pasteurization .....	20.00

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\$ 38.00

Town Clerk:

Dog Licenses for County .....	\$ 1,889.60
Dog Licenses for Town .....	168.20
Sporting Licenses for County .....	808.50
Sporting Licenses for Town .....	105.95
Birth Certificates .....	61.75
Death Certificates .....	27.50
Marriage Licenses .....	236.75
Recording Mortgages .....	185.90
Pole Location Permits .....	42.00
Business Certificates .....	3.50
Recording Discharge from Service .....	.25
War Service Record .....	.50
Registration Fee .....	.25
Gasoline Permit Renewals .....	19.00
Voter's Certificates .....	4.50
Duplicate Dog Tags .....	.70
Transfer Dog License .....	.75
Postage .....	15.42
Affidavit .....	.25
Bill of Sale .....	1.00
Unclassified .....	3.50

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\$ 3,575.77

Dog License Fees paid County .....	\$ 1,854.80	
Dog License Fees due County .....	34.80	
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		\$ 1,889.60
Sporting License Fees paid State .....	\$ 801.25	
Sporting License Fees due State .....	7.25	
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		\$ 808.50
From Fines and Forfeits:		
Court Fines .....		\$ 1,374.50

## DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE

From Tax Collector:		
Costs and Charges .....	\$ 515.86	
Certificates .....	98.00	
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		\$ 613.86
Board of Appeal Adv. Hearings .....	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Police Department:		
Ambulance Fees .....	\$ 499.25	
Bicycle Registration .....	38.71	
Reimbursement for Damage .....	100.00	
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		\$ 637.96
Moth and Tree Department:		
Moth and Tree Work Charges .....		\$ 1,470.75
Sealer of Weights and Measures Fees .....		32.18
Inspector of Building Fees .....		39.00
Inspector of Milk and Food .....		22.50
Health and Sanitation:		
Sewer Rentals .....	\$ 10,417.97	
Sewer Rentals Costs .....	77.70	
State Subsidy .....	819.99	
Sundry Charges, Contagious Diseases ..	1,237.25	
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		\$ 12,552.91
Public Works Department:		
Road Machinery Account Rentals .....	\$ 13,698.16	
Comm. of Mass. Snow Plowing .....	367.25	
Victory Garden Plowing Charges .....	634.18	
Sidewalk Work .....	131.78	
Sundry Charges .....	144.01	
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		\$ 14,975.38



Charities and Aid:

Reimbursement for General Aid:

From the State .....	\$ 1,914.69
From other Cities and Towns .....	1,367.87
Sundry Parties .....	372.60

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\$ 3,655.16

Reimbursement for Aid Dependent Children:

From the State .....	\$ 4,957.50
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Reimbursement for Old Age Assistance:

From the State .....	\$ 48,424.99
From other Cities and Towns .....	1,634.14

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\$ 50,059.13

Reimbursement for State Sick Poor:

From the State .....	\$ 298.00
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United States Govt. Federal Grants:

For Aid Dependent Children Adm. ....	\$ 406.21
For Aid Dependent Children Aid .....	3,350.88
For Old Age Assistance Adm. ....	1,611.37
For Old Age Assistance Aid .....	47,934.10

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\$ 53,302.56

Veterans' Benefits:

Reimbursement from State:

State Aid .....	\$ 310.00
Military Aid .....	225.00
War Allowance .....	1,917.74

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\$ 2,452.74

School Department:

Comm. of Mass. Vocational Education..	\$ 1,111.67
City of Boston Tuition City Wards .....	453.81
Town of North Reading Tuition .....	10,158.75
Town of Andover Tuition .....	439.92
Comm. of Mass. Juvenile Training .....	223.50
Comm. of Mass. Training School .....	2.80
Comm. of Mass. Div. Child Guardianship	185.35
Cafeteria Receipts .....	17,322.97
Miscellaneous Receipts .....	247.37

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\$ 30,146.14

Library:		
Fines .....		\$ 793.17
<b>PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:</b>		
Light Department:		
Sales, Light and Power .....	\$398,272.27	
Street Lighting .....	14,000.00	
Merchandise and Jobbing .....	34,929.27	
Miscellaneous .....	1,022.63	
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		\$448,224.17
Water Department:		
Sale Water, Meter Rates .....	\$ 57,649.57	
Miscellaneous .....	2,042.98	
Water Liens .....	202.71	
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		\$ 59,895.26
Cemetery Department:		
Sale Lots and Graves .....	\$ 2,125.00	
Annual Care, Interments, etc. ....	2,814.50	
Rent of House .....	240.00	
Soldiers' Graves Account .....	174.70	
Guarantee Deposits .....	155.00	
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		\$ 5,509.20
Sewer Department:		
Guarantee Deposits House Connections		\$ 336.96
Interest:		
Deferred Taxes .....	\$ 3,197.14	
Deferred Special Assessments .....	735.81	
Tax Title Redemptions .....	258.85	
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	5.76	
Sewer Rentals .....	46.29	
Special Assessments paid in advance ...	2.64	
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		\$ 4,246.49
Municipal Indebtedness:		
Loan Anticipation of Reimbursement ..		\$ 2,000.00
<b>AGENCY TRUST AND INVESTMENT:</b>		
Hospital Fund:		
Income .....	\$ 2,823.86	
For Transfer .....	6,000.00	
Refunds .....	37.50	
Sale Securities .....	43,910.00	
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		\$ 52,771.36

Cemetery Bequest Fund:

Bequests .....	\$ 5,030.00
Income .....	1,525.00
For Transfer .....	15,693.16

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\$ 22,248.16

R. H. S. Scholarship Fund:

Income .....	\$ 85.00
Withholding for Income Tax: .....	\$ 52,407.96
Salvage Fund .....	\$ 3,075.50

Refunds General Accounts:

Veterans' Benefits .....	\$ 119.00
Land Court .....	19.00
School Salary Account .....	82.00
School Maintenance Account .....	1.00
Election and Registration .....	1.80
Insurance Account .....	8.07
Public Welfare General Aid .....	18.00
Public Welfare Old Age Assistance ....	304.86

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\$ 553.73

Other Refunds:

Recreation Committee Petty Cash .....	\$ 70.00
Motor Vehicle Excise overpayment ....	1.00
Gas Tax Refunds .....	179.13
Land Court Account 1943 .....	63.25
School Maintenance Account 1943 .....	39.77
Honor Roll Account 1943 .....	5.20
Insurance Account 1943 .....	88.28
Public Works overpayment .....	1.25

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\$ 447.88

REIMBURSEMENTS:

Insurance Account:

Municipal Light Department .....	\$ 1,284.48
Water Department .....	722.66
Sewer Department .....	373.39

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\$ 2,380.53

**UNCLASSIFIED:**

Municipal Light Dept. to Town .....	\$ 51,800.00
Estate Deceased Persons .....	400.00
Recovery Public Welfare O.A.A. ....	300.00
Taxes, Settlement in Bankruptcy .....	62.00
Peddler's License, State .....	16.00
Sale Material .....	13.34
Rent Tax Title Property .....	112.00
Sale Tax Title Land .....	221.00
Tailings Account .....	17.01
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	\$ 52,941.35
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	\$1,689,214.40

**RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS****General Revenue:**

Taxes, Town .....	\$640,910.69
Taxes, State .....	136,851.58
Licenses and Permits .....	3,907.77
Grants and Gifts .....	1,535.57
Tax Title Redemptions .....	2,584.39
Special Assessments .....	6,031.61
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	12,870.80
Departmental Accounts Receivable .....	15,300.88
General Government .....	1,260.50
Federal Grants .....	53,302.56
School Department .....	30,146.14
Road Machinery Account .....	13,698.16
Charities .....	58,597.19
Court Fines .....	2,167.67

**Public Service Enterprises:**

Light Dept. ....	\$448,224.17
Water Dept. ....	59,895.26
Cemeteries .....	5,354.20
Interest .....	4,246.49
Municipal Indebtedness .....	2,000.00
Agency, Trust and Investment .....	131,079.94
Refunds and Reimbursements .....	3,395.48
Light Department to Treasury .....	51,800.00
Unclassified .....	1,600.61
Veterans' Benefits .....	2,452.74
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**\$1,689,214.40**

# APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

## General Government:

	Balance from 1943	Appropriated 1944	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Balance Dec. 31
Selectmen's Expenses .....		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 927.56	\$	\$ 72.44
Selectmen's Clerical .....		1,069.70		1,069.70	1,069.70		
Town Accountant's Salary .....		1,709.54		1,709.54	1,709.54		
Treasurer's Salary .....		1,575.00		1,575.00	1,575.00		
Treasurer's Expenses .....		700.00		700.00	683.72		
Treasurer's Clerical .....		375.00	\$	385.00	385.00		
Collector's Salary .....		2,415.00		2,415.00	2,415.00		
Collector's Expenses .....		1,000.00		1,000.00	994.96		
Collector's Clerical .....		800.00		800.00	800.00		
Assessors' Salaries .....		1,890.00		1,890.00	1,890.00		
Assessors' Expenses .....		1,100.00	600.00	1,700.00	1,550.58		
Assessors' Clerical .....		3,009.55		3,009.55	3,009.55		
Town Counsel's Salary .....		1,312.50		1,312.50	1,312.50		
Town Counsel's Expenses .....		450.00	100.00	550.00	539.89		10.11
Town Clerk's Salary .....		1,102.50		1,102.50	1,102.50		
Town Clerk's Expenses .....		500.00		500.00	499.89		.11
Registrars' Salaries .....		347.29		347.29	347.29		
Registrars' Expenses, Special .....		800.00		800.00	672.25		127.75
Election and Registration Expense .....		3,000.00	1,001.80	4,001.80	3,947.96		53.84
Planning Board Expenses .....		250.00		250.00	118.30		131.70
Miscellaneous Expense .....		3,900.00	100.00	4,000.00	3,981.76		18.24
Municipal Building Maintenance ..		2,500.00	100.00	2,600.00	2,552.65		47.35
Municipal Building Alteration .....	\$	350.00		350.00	348.00		2.00
	\$	\$ 30,806.08	\$ 1,911.80	\$ 33,067.88	\$ 32,433.60		\$ 634.28

# APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance from 1943	Appropriated 1944	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Balance Dec. 31
<b>Protection of Persons &amp; Property:</b>							
Police Dept. Salaries .....	\$ 42,950.00			\$ 42,950.00	\$ 42,233.66	\$	\$ 716.34
Police Dept. Maintenance .....	4,450.00	\$	100.00	4,550.00	4,135.06		414.94
Police Station Maintenance .....	1,913.75			1,913.75	1,881.19		32.56
Fire Dept. Salaries .....	22,708.46		12.45	22,720.91	22,720.91		
Fire Dept. Callmen .....	3,590.50			3,590.50	2,954.99		635.51
O. O. Ordway Pension .....	1,300.00			1,300.00	1,300.00		
Fire Dept. Maintenance .....	4,100.00		300.00	4,400.00	4,390.57		9.43
Fire Stations Maintenance .....	2,155.00			2,155.00	2,153.04		1.96
Fire Station Alteration .....	2,500.00			2,500.00	1.30		2,498.70
Fire Alarm Maintenance .....	1,542.50			1,542.50	1,532.47		10.03
Fire Alarm Extension .....	500.00			500.00	141.08	\$ 300.00	58.92
Hydrant Rentals .....	500.00			500.00	500.00		
Moth and Tree Depts. ....	9,634.00		600.00	10,234.00	10,174.29		59.71
Inspector of Buildings Salary .....	551.25			551.25	551.25		
Inspector of Wires Salary .....	210.00			210.00	210.00		
Sealer of Wts. and Meas. Salary ..	551.25			551.25	551.25		
Sealer of Wts. and Meas. Expenses	250.00			250.00	200.85		49.15
Game Warden Salary .....	105.00			105.00	105.00		
Dog Officer Salary .....	330.75			330.75	330.75		
Patrick J. Long Pension .....			367.35	367.35	367.35		
	\$ 99,842.46	\$	1,379.80	\$101,222.26	\$ 96,435.01	\$ 300.00	\$ 4,487.25





# APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance Appropriated from 1943	1944	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Balance Dec. 31
<b>Education:</b>							
School Dept. General Salaries ....	\$243,226.00	\$	82.00	243,308.00	238,747.81	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,560.19
School Dept. General Maintenance	35,091.00		1,001.00	36,092.00	36,084.19		7.81
School Industrial Tuition .....	1,500.00			1,500.00	952.61		547.39
School Cafeterias .....	15,000.00		2,525.00	17,525.00	17,522.64		2.36
School Transportation .....	6,200.00			6,200.00	5,920.50		279.50
School Heating Systems .....	13,000.00			13,000.00	13,000.00		
New High School Plans .....	4,000.00			4,000.00	691.12		3,308.88
Retirement Fund for School Teach.	760.00			760.00	760.00		
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Public Library Salaries .....	\$318,777.00	\$	3,608.00	\$322,385.00	\$313,678.87	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,706.13
Public Library Maintenance .....	6,346.20			6,346.20	6,339.51		6.69
	3,300.00			3,300.00	3,289.81		10.19
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	\$ 9,646.20			\$ 9,646.20	\$ 9,629.32		\$ 16.88
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<b>Cemeteries:</b>							
Laurel Hill and Forest Glen							
Cemeteries .....	\$ 10,100.00	\$	4,317.96	\$ 14,417.96	\$ 14,409.35		\$ 8.61
Elementary School Plans .....		\$	2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00			\$ 2,500.00
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<b>Public Works:</b>							
Administrative Expense .....	\$ 6,260.00			\$ 6,260.00	\$ 6,239.78		\$ 20.22
Highway Department .....	42,000.00			42,000.00	40,982.51	\$ 1,000.00	17.49
Snow and Ice Removal .....	9,000.00	\$	1,500.00	10,500.00	10,470.68		29.32

Sidewalk Construction .....	4,250.00	4,250.00	4,241.05	8.95
Drainage Construction .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Maintenance Storm Drains .....	4,185.00	4,185.00	4,142.23	42.77
Maintenance Town Dump .....	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,642.81	7.19
Park Dept. ....	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,498.47	1.53
Sewer Dept. Maintenance .....	12,800.00	12,800.00	12,050.83	749.17
Sewer Dept. House Connections ..	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Water Dept. ....	50,000.00	50,000.00	39,108.89	10,891.11
Drinking Fountains .....	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Mineral St. Bridge Plans .....	\$ 250.00	250.00		250.00
Wescroft Road Betterment .....	1,850.90	1,850.90		1,850.90
Bond Street Betterment .....	26.96	26.96		26.96
Springvale Road Betterment .....	162.24	162.24		162.24
West Hill Circle Betterment .....	834.06	834.06		834.06
Drainage System Installation .....	2,178.27	2,178.27	1,127.77	1,050.50
Road Machinery Account .....	12,775.77	14,859.23		14,135.00
Road Machinery Fund .....	936.32	179.13	11,892.71	936.32
Special Comm. Low Cost Housing	500.00	500.00	242.85	257.15
Harvard Street Betterment .....	351.20	351.20		351.20
Lewis Street Betterment .....	189.77	189.77		189.77
Relocation Hopkins and Main Sts.	1.00	1.00		1.00
Highway Maintenance Chap. 90 ...		3,000.00	3,000.00	
Mineral Street Bridge Repairs ....	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,327.48	72.52
Victory Gardens .....	1,015.00	1,015.00	687.36	27.61
Salvage Expenses .....	735.00	735.00	735.00	
Post War Plans .....	2,000.00	1,000.00	474.74	2,525.26
Storm Emergency .....		50.58	50.58	
	<u>\$ 20,107.07</u>	<u>\$ 20,538.36</u>	<u>\$ 149,515.74</u>	<u>\$ 35,288.37</u>
	\$ 160,295.00	\$ 200,940.43	\$ 16,136.32	\$ 35,288.37

# APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance from 1943	Appropriated 1944	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Balance Dec. 31
<b>Unclassified:</b>							
Memorial Day Observance .....		\$ 800.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 835.00	\$ 830.85	\$	4.15
Int., not incl. Water, Light, Sewer		3,000.00		3,000.00	2,324.25		675.75
Maturing Debt, not incl. Water, Lt.		38,000.00		38,000.00	38,000.00		
Insurance .....		11,373.92	2,388.60	13,762.52	12,967.56	552.00	242.96
Contributory Retirement System ..		18,763.00		18,763.00	18,763.00		
Servicemen's Retirement .....		1,019.69		1,019.69	1,019.69		
Civilian Defense .....	\$ 1,182.11	4,000.00		5,182.11	4,865.32		316.79
Street Lighting .....		14,000.00		14,000.00	14,000.00		
Land Court Expense .....		300.00	19.00	319.00	226.70		92.30
Reserve Fund .....		4,000.00		4,000.00		3,989.12	10.88
Care Soldiers' Graves .....		600.00	55.90	655.90	655.90		70.85
Street List Publication .....		600.00		600.00	529.15		
Middlesex County Sanatorium ....		5,556.64		5,556.64	5,556.64		
Rent Legion Quarters .....		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00		
Town Forest .....		1,700.00		1,700.00	1,516.00		184.00
Recreation Committee .....		4,500.00	250.00	4,750.00	4,465.46		284.54
Post War Planning Committee ....		500.00		500.00			500.00
Tercentenary Committee .....	200.00	1,000.00		1,200.00	801.14		398.86
Capital Exp. Planning Committee		500.00		500.00	185.91		314.09
Police Ambulance .....		4,500.00		4,500.00	100.00		4,400.00
Unpaid School Tuition Bill .....		30.80		30.80	30.80		
	\$ 1,382.11	\$116,244.05	\$ 2,748.50	\$120,374.66	\$108,338.37	\$ 4,541.12	\$ 7,495.17

Municipal Light Dept. Maint. ....	\$ 71,438.66	\$448,224.17	\$519,662.83	\$401,794.40	\$117,868.43
Municipal Light Dept. Special ....	6,000.00		6,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00
Municipal Lt. Dept. Underground	1,431.59		1,431.59		1,431.59
Land Court Special .....		250.00	250.00		250.00
Recreation Committee Petty Cash		20.00	20.00	20.00	
Taxes, Refunds .....		2,251.97	2,251.97	2,251.97	
Motor Vehicle Excise, Refunds ....		73.78	73.78	73.78	
Recovery Account .....		187.39	187.39	187.39	
Sundry Accounts, Refunds .....		159.82	159.82	159.82	
Personal Injuries, E. A. Dykens ...		65.00	65.00	65.00	
Unpaid Bills 1940-1942 .....		237.00	237.00	237.00	
House for Dogs .....		400.00	400.00	171.83	228.17
Hospital Fund Bills .....		712.89	712.89	712.89	
Hospital Fund for Bond Purchases		49,000.00	49,000.00	49,000.00	
Cemetery Bequest Fund for Transf.		19,675.00	19,675.00	19,675.00	
R.H.S. Scholarship Fund for Transf.		110.00	110.00	110.00	
Tailings Account .....		62.14	62.14	62.14	
Sewer H. C. Guarantee Dep. Acct.		18.51	18.51	18.51	
Dog License Fees to County .....		1,889.60	1,889.60	1,889.60	
Salvage Fund .....		77.20	77.20	77.20	
Sporting License Fees to State ....		806.50	806.50	806.50	
Withholding for Inc. Tax to State		51,704.38	51,704.38	51,704.38	
County of Middlesex County Tax ...		22,058.18	22,058.18	22,058.18	
Comm. of Mass. Met. Sewer Asst.		12,886.18	12,886.18	12,886.18	
Comm. of Mass. State Tax .....		34,485.00	34,485.00	34,485.00	
Comm. of Mass. Exam. Ret. System		589.44	589.44	589.44	
Comm. of Mass. State Pks. & Reser.		562.64	562.64	562.64	
Temporary Loan, Anticipation Re- imbursement .....		2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Grand Totals .....	\$ 78,870.25 \$100,709.43	\$648,506.79 \$739,788.95	\$727,377.04 \$1,728,815.17	\$603,598.85 \$1,504,483.70	\$123,778.19 \$195,654.03

## RECAPITULATION OF PAYMENTS

Departmental Expenditures .....	\$778,753.33
Public Service Enterprises:	
Municipal Light Department .....	403,794.40
Water Department .....	39,108.89
Interest, not incl. Water, Light, Sewer .....	2,324.25
Funded Debt not incl. Water and Light .....	38,000.00
Agency, Trust and Investment .....	72,351.84
State and County Taxes and Assts. ....	76,138.08
Contributory Retirement System .....	19,782.69
Withholding for Income Taxes .....	51,704.38
Civilian Defense .....	4,865.32
Temporary Loan .....	2,000.00
Insurance .....	12,967.56
Refunds, Taxes, etc. ....	2,692.96
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	\$1,504,483.70

## TREASURER'S CASH

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1944 .....	\$245,380.31
Receipts 1944 .....	1,689,214.40
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	\$1,934,594.71
Payments 1944 .....	1,504,483.70
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Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1944 .....	\$430,111.01
Tax Titles:	
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1944 .....	\$ 6,324.08
Taxes, Assts., etc. on property taken .....	4,054.28
Cash, Redemption of Property .....	\$ 2,584.39
Taxes on property foreclosed .....	1,375.11
Adjustment .....	40.54
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1944 .....	6,378.32
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	\$ 10,378.36    \$ 10,378.36
Tax Title Possessions:	
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1944 .....	\$ 4,907.20
Taxes on property transferred .....	1,375.11
Gain on Sales .....	35.56



Adjustment .....	37.13	
Cash, property sold .....		\$ 221.00
Loss on sales .....		270.73
Adjustment .....		82.03
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1944 .....		5,781.24
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	\$ 6,355.00	\$ 6,355.00
Water Rates:		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1944 .....	\$ 4,539.80	
Meter Rates, etc. 1944 .....	61,290.36	
Refunds .....	122.07	
Adjustments .....	71.00	
Cash .....		\$ 59,692.55
Discounts and Credits .....		392.82
Adjustments .....		595.17
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1944 .....		5,342.69
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	\$ 66,023.23	\$ 66,023.23
Water Liens added to Taxes 1944:		
Commitment .....	\$ 243.50	
Cash .....		\$ 149.37
Transferred to Tax Titles .....		47.50
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1944 .....		46.63
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	\$ 243.50	\$ 243.50
Water Reserve:		
Cash, Water Liens .....		\$ 202.71
Transfer from Water Dept. Maint. ....		10,891.11
Transfer from Estimated Receipts .....		9,570.48
Transferred to Water Available Surplus ...	\$ 20,664.30	
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	\$ 20,664.30	\$ 20,664.30
Water Available Surplus:		
Balance Jan. 1, 1944 .....		\$ 27,316.81
Transfer from Water Reserve .....		20,664.30
Transferred to Post War Planning Acct. ..	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance to 1945 .....	46,981.11	
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	\$ 47,981.11	\$ 47,981.11
Municipal Light Dept. Accounts Receivable:		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1944 .....	\$ 40,124.58	
Charges 1944 .....	480,310.06	
Cash .....		\$447,201.54
Discounts and Credits .....		33,681.52
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1944 .....		39,551.58
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	\$520,434.64	\$520,434.64

Municipal Light Dept. Consumers' Deposits:

Balance Jan. 1, 1944 .....	\$ 12,440.54	
Cash Receipts .....	4,615.00	
Refunds .....		\$ 3,892.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1944 .....		13,163.54
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	\$ 17,055.54	\$ 17,055.54

Cemetery Reserve Fund:

Balance Jan. 1, 1944 .....		\$ 5,419.02
Cash Receipts, Sale Lots and Graves .....		2,125.00
Transferred to Cemetery Maint. ....	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance to 1945 .....	6,544.02	
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	\$ 7,544.02	\$ 7,544.02

## CLASSIFICATION OF PAYMENTS

**General Government:**

Selectmen's Expenses, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,000.00
Telephone .....	\$ 118.27	
Printing and Stationery .....	140.52	
Postage and Box Rent .....	88.00	
Towel Supply .....	15.60	
Selectmen's Association .....	9.00	
Reimbursement for Expenses .....	488.77	
Dog Hearings .....	41.70	
All Other .....	25.70	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 927.56	
Balance to Revenue .....	72.44	
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	\$ 1,000.00	
Selectmen's Clerical, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,069.70
Salary, Clerk .....	\$ 1,069.70	
Town Accountant's Salary, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,709.54
Salary, Town Accountant .....	\$ 1,709.54	
Treasurer's Salary, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,575.00
Salary, Treasurer .....	\$ 1,575.00	
Treasurer's Expenses, Appropriation .....		\$ 700.00
Telephone .....	\$ 54.65	
Stamped Envelopes and Postage .....	442.94	

Office Supplies .....	154.65	
Certification of Notes .....	2.00	
All Other .....	29.48	
Total Payments .....	\$ 683.72	
Balance to Revenue .....	16.28	
	\$ 700.00	
Treasurer's Clerical, Appropriation .....		\$ 375.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		10.00
		\$ 385.00
Clerk Hire .....	\$ 385.00	
Collector's Salary, Appropriation .....		\$ 2,415.00
Salary, Collector of Taxes .....	\$ 2,415.00	
Collector's Expenses, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,000.00
Telephone .....	\$ 45.25	
Postage .....	369.16	
Books and Printing .....	322.13	
Advertising .....	14.50	
Towels .....	8.40	
Office Supplies and Equipment .....	192.27	
Registry of Deeds .....	19.50	
All Other .....	23.75	
Total Payments .....	\$ 994.96	
Balance to Revenue .....	5.04	
	\$ 1,000.00	
Collector's Clerical, Appropriation .....		\$ 800.00
Clerk Hire .....	\$ 800.00	
Board of Assessors, Salaries, Appropriation ....		\$ 1,890.00
Salaries, Assessors .....	\$ 1,890.00	
Board of Assessors Expenses, Appropriation ...		\$ 1,100.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		600.00
		\$ 1,700.00
Assistant Assessors .....	\$ 162.60	
Telephone .....	50.45	
Postage .....	41.50	
Towel Supply .....	8.40	
Office Supplies and Printing .....	288.74	
Travel and Auto Hire .....	81.00	
Registry of Deeds .....	72.05	

Association Meetings .....	93.29	
Plans and Corrections .....	268.35	
Photos .....	9.20	
Appraisals .....	475.00	
Total Payments .....	\$ 1,550.58	
Balance to Revenue .....	149.42	
	\$ 1,700.00	
Board of Assessors', Clerical, Appropriation ...		\$ 3,009.55
Salaries, Clerks .....	\$ 3,009.55	
Town Counsel's Salary, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,312.50
Salary, Town Counsel .....	\$ 1,312.50	
Town Counsel's Expenses, Appropriation .....		\$ 450.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		100.00
		\$550.00
Stenographic Services .....	\$ 366.65	
Telephone and Misc. ....	46.13	
Court Costs and Witness Fees .....	3.35	
Stationery and Supplies .....	32.05	
Decisions and Annotated Laws .....	47.21	
Postage, carfare, etc. ....	41.30	
Registered Notices .....	3.20	
Total Payments .....	\$ 539.89	
Balance to Revenue .....	10.11	
	\$ 550.00	
Town Clerk's Salary, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,102.50
Salary Town Clerk .....	\$ 1,102.50	
Town Clerk's Expenses, Appropriation .....		\$ 500.00
Vital Statistics .....	18.25	
Stenographic Services .....	328.00	
Postage and printing .....	16.00	
Stationery and supplies .....	137.64	
Total Payments .....	\$ 499.89	
Balance to Revenue .....	.11	
	\$ 500.00	
Board of Registrars' Salaries, Appropriation ...		\$ 347.29
Salaries, Board of Registrars .....	\$ 347.29	

Board of Registrars' Expenses, Appropriation ..		\$ 800.00
Clerical .....	\$ 617.10	
Auto Hire .....	17.50	
Stationery and Printing .....	37.65	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 672.25	
Balance to Revenue .....	127.75	
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	\$ 800.00	
Election and Registration Expenses, Appro. ...		\$ 3,000.00
Transfers from Reserve Fund .....		1,000.00
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		\$ 4,000.00
Election Officers .....	\$ 1,935.95	
Printing and Adv. Warrants .....	351.00	
Installing Booths .....	483.16	
Rent of Hall .....	392.00	
Voting Lists, Ballots, etc. ....	669.25	
Meals .....	60.35	
Ballot Boxes .....	15.95	
Postage .....	15.96	
All Other .....	22.54	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 3,946.16	
Balance to Revenue .....	53.84	
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	\$ 4,000.00	
Planning Board Expenses, Appropriation .....		\$ 250.00
Mass. Federation of Planning Boards .....	\$ 30.00	
Maps, etc. ....	88.30	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 118.30	
Balance to Revenue .....	131.70	
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	\$ 250.00	
Miscellaneous Expense, Appropriation .....		\$ 3,900.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		100.00
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		\$ 4,000.00
Clerical .....	\$ 1,386.00	
Printing Town Report .....	1,114.82	
Other Printing & Stationery .....	193.38	
Old South Clock, Care & Lighting .....	122.79	
Finance Committee Expense .....	141.20	

Board of Appeal Expense .....	61.00		
Inspector of Wires Exp. ....	24.25		
Dog Officer's Expense .....	59.79		
Office Equipment .....	62.00		
Traffic Control .....	633.50		
Damage Settlement .....	12.50		
Reading Sign .....	48.79		
Honor Roll .....	78.00		
War Memorial .....	16.44		
Mun. Fin. Officer's Assn. ....	20.00		
Coal Co-ordinator .....	6.00		
All Other .....	1.30		
<b>Total Payments .....</b>	<b>\$ 3,981.76</b>		
<b>Balance to Revenue .....</b>	<b>18.24</b>		
		<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>	
Municipal Building Maintenance, Appro. ....		<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>	
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		<b>100.00</b>	
			<b>\$ 2,600.00</b>
Janitor's Services .....	\$ 1,203.80		
Janitor's Supplies .....	103.52		
Fuel .....	377.90		
Lighting .....	366.34		
Water & Sewer .....	39.80		
Ash Removal .....	12.13		
Repairs to Buildings and Grounds .....	357.46		
Flags and Poles .....	49.30		
All Other .....	42.40		
<b>Total Payments .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,552.65</b>		
<b>Balance to Revenue .....</b>	<b>47.35</b>		
		<b>\$ 2,600.00</b>	
Civilian Defense:			
Balance from 1943 .....		<b>\$ 1,182.11</b>	
Appropriation 1944 .....		<b>4,000.00</b>	
			<b>\$ 5,182.11</b>
Rationing Board .....	\$ 2,685.75		
A.R.P. Report Center .....	74.52		
Observation Tower .....	13.03		
Auxiliary Fire Dept. ....	23.90		
Auxiliary Police Dept. ....	8.95		
Women's Defense .....	52.34		



Medical Health Unit .....	28.23
Center School Bldg. Maintenance .....	1,950.55
Bond Drive .....	13.00
Salvage Drive .....	12.50
All Other .....	2.55

Total Payments .....	\$ 4,865.32
Balance to 1945 .....	316.79

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\$ 5,182.11

Municipal Building Alterations, Appro. ....		\$ 350.00
Alterations .....	\$ 348.00	
Balance to Revenue .....	2.00	

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\$ 350.00

#### Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Dept. Salaries, Appropriation .....		\$ 42,950.00
Salary, Chief .....	\$ 3,241.35	
Salaries, Sergeants .....	5,556.60	
Salaries, Patrolmen .....	31,714.71	
Special Police Protection .....	61.00	
Clerk .....	1,560.00	
Keeper of the Lock-Up .....	100.00	

Total Payments .....	\$ 42,233.66
Balance to Revenue .....	716.34

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\$ 42,950.00

Police Department Maintenance, Appropriation	\$ 4,450.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....	100.00

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\$ 4,550.00

Chief's Expenses .....	\$ 129.36
Telephone .....	176.06
Gasoline .....	814.93
Traffic Lights .....	708.23
Traffic Lanes .....	431.90
Radio Repairs .....	255.35
Printing & Stationery .....	148.39
Coats and Caps .....	45.50
Automobile Repairs .....	574.65
Target Practice .....	25.00
Teletype Expense .....	507.33
Station Signals .....	27.00

Tires .....	219.06	
All Other .....	72.30	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 4,135.06	
Balance to Revenue .....	414.94	
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	\$ 4,550.00	
Police Station Maintenance, Appropriation ....		\$ 1,913.75
Water and Sewer .....	\$ 55.80	
Gas and Electricity .....	221.09	
Fuel .....	362.01	
Repairs .....	449.64	
Janitor's Supplies .....	52.70	
Janitor's Salary .....	708.75	
Laundry .....	31.20	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 1,881.19	
Balance to Revenue .....	32.56	
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	\$ 1,913.75	
Police Department Ambulance, Appropriation ..		\$ 4,500.00
Deposit .....	\$ 100.00	
Balance to 1945 .....	4,400.00	
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	\$ 4,500.00	
Patrick J. Long, Pension		
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		\$ 367.35
Pension Payments .....	\$ 367.35	
Fire Dept. Salaries, Appropriation .....		\$ 22,708.46
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		12.45
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		\$ 22,720.91
Salary, Chief .....	\$ 3,009.82	
Salary, Deputy Chief .....	2,778.30	
Salary, Captain .....	2,662.53	
Salary, Lieutenant .....	2,546.77	
Salaries, Men .....	11,723.49	
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Total Payments .....	22,720.91	

Fire Dept. Salaries, Call Men, Appro. ....		\$ 3,590.50
Salary, Captain .....	186.00	
Salaries, Men .....	2,768.99	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 2,954.99	
Balance to Revenue .....	635.51	
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	\$ 3,590.50	
O. O. Ordway, Pension, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,300.00
Pension Payments .....	\$ 1,300.00	
Fire Dept. Maintenance, Appropriation .....		\$ 4,100.00
Transfer from Fire Alarm Extension .....		300.00
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		\$ 4,400.00
Chief's Expenses .....	\$ 47.40	
Telephone .....	194.55	
Laundry .....	274.69	
Bedding, etc. ....	74.58	
Motor Apparatus Maintenance .....	448.71	
Gasoline and Oil .....	337.88	
Repairs to Other Equipment .....	84.79	
New Hose .....	1,102.50	
New Appliances .....	355.22	
Equipment and Supplies .....	789.27	
Office Equipment and Supplies .....	139.09	
Helmets, Coats, Boots, etc. ....	200.90	
Forest Fires .....	130.40	
All Other .....	210.59	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 4,390.57	
Balance to Revenue .....	9.43	
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	\$ 4,400.00	
Fire Stations Maintenance, Appropriation .....		\$ 2,155.00
Central Station		
Gas .....	\$ 52.05	
Fuel .....	568.53	
Building Repairs .....	77.56	
Lighting .....	101.26	
Water and Sewer .....	50.80	
Supplies .....	181.26	
Furnishings .....	51.78	
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	\$ 1,083.24	

# Engine 2 Station

Fuel .....	\$	324.99	
Building Repairs .....		492.02	
Lighting .....		53.49	
Water and Sewer .....		12.00	
Steward .....		125.00	
Supplies .....		62.30	
	\$	1,069.80	
Total Payments .....	\$	2,153.04	
Balance to Revenue .....		1.96	
	\$	2,155.00	
Fire Alarm Maintenance, Appropriation .....			\$ 1,542.50
Supt.'s Salary .....	\$	262.50	
Pay Rolls .....		615.22	
Truck Maintenance .....		132.76	
Power .....		45.43	
Supplies and Equipment .....		472.86	
All Other .....		3.70	
Total Payments .....	\$	1,532.47	
Balance to Revenue .....		10.03	
	\$	1,542.50	
Fire Alarm Extension, Appropriation .....			\$ 500.00
Pay Rolls .....	\$	79.25	
Material and Supplies .....		61.83	
Transferred to Fire Dept. Maintenance ...		300.00	
Total Payments .....	\$	441.08	
Balance to Revenue .....		58.92	
	\$	500.00	
Moth and Tree Depts. Appropriation .....			\$ 9,634.00
Transferred from Veterans' Benefits Account ..			600.00
			\$ 10,234.00
Salary, Tree Warden .....	\$	420.00	
Salary, Moth Supt. ....		2,310.00	
Pay Roll .....		5,267.93	
Telephone .....		64.16	
Barn Rent .....		144.00	

Truck Expense .....	604.29		
Printing and Postage .....	135.45		
Trees .....	12.50		
Supplies and Maintenance .....	243.06		
Arsenate of Lead and Sticker .....	628.55		
Equipment .....	306.60		
Clerical .....	37.75		
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Total Payments .....	\$ 10,174.29		
Balance to Revenue .....	59.71		
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	\$ 10,234.00		
Hydrant Rentals, Appropriation .....		\$	500.00
Water Department .....	\$ 500.00		
Drinking Fountains, Appropriation .....		\$	100.00
Water Department .....	\$ 100.00		
Inspector of Buildings, Salary, Appropriation ..		\$	551.25
Salary, Inspector .....	\$ 551.25		
Inspector of Wires, Salary, Appropriation .....		\$	210.00
Salary, Inspector .....	\$ 210.00		
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Salary, Appro.		\$	551.25
Salary, Sealer .....	\$ 551.25		
Sealer of Weights and Measures,			
Expenses, Appropriation .....		\$	250.00
Transportation Weights and Measures .....	\$ 173.00		
Supplies .....	27.85		
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	\$ 200.85		
Balance to Revenue .....	49.15		
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	\$ 250.00		
Board of Health, Salaries, Appropriation .....		\$	315.00
Salaries, Secretary .....	\$ 155.00		
Salaries, Other Members .....	160.00		
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Total Payments .....	\$ 315.00		
Board of Health Expenses, Appropriation .....		\$	275.00
Telephone .....	\$ 47.60		
Printing and Stationery .....	30.19		
Insp. Milk and Food Expenses .....	61.00		
Disposition of Animals .....	43.50		

Supplies .....	12.00	
Agent's Expenses .....	12.50	
All Other .....	8.82	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 215.61	
Balance to Revenue .....	59.39	
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	\$ 275.00	
Inspector of Plumbing, Salary, Appropriation ..		\$ 525.00
Salary, Inspector .....	\$ 525.00	
Care of Contagious Diseases, Appropriation ....		\$ 5,000.00
Mass. Memorial Hospital .....	\$ 1,234.00	
St. John's Hospital .....	4.00	
Middlesex County Sanatorium .....	1,456.50	
Lakeville State Sanatorium .....	662.50	
North Reading Sanatorium .....	75.00	
Medical Care .....	380.50	
Health Inspection .....	207.50	
Rabies Innoculation .....	117.00	
Supplies .....	92.84	
Other Cities and Towns .....	420.38	
Stationery and Printing .....	9.75	
Ambulance Fees .....	15.00	
Diphtheria Clinic .....	25.00	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 4,699.97	
Balance to Revenue .....	300.03	
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	\$ 5,000.00	
Garbage Collection, Appropriation .....		\$ 2,800.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....		133.32
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		\$ 2,933.32
Contract Payments .....	\$ 2,933.32	
Dog Officer's Salary, Appropriation .....		\$ 330.75
Salary, Dog Officer .....	\$ 330.75	
Inspector of Milk and Food, Salary, Appro. ....		\$ 220.50
Salary, Inspector .....	\$ 220.50	
Dental Clinic, Appropriation .....		\$ 650.00
Expenses .....	\$ 650.00	
Inspector of Animals, Salary, Appropriation ...		\$ 220.50
Salary, Inspector .....	\$ 220.50	
Game Warden's Salary, Appropriation .....		\$ 105.00
Salary, Game Warden .....	\$ 105.00	



Child Welfare Work, Appropriation .....	\$	400.00
Expenses .....	\$	400.00
Street Lighting, Appropriation .....	\$	14,000.00
Municipal Light Dept. ....	\$	14,000.00

## Charities and Aid

### General Aid, Administrative

Appropriation .....	\$	4,900.00
Transfer from Aid to Dependent Children, Administrative .....		200.00

#### Payments:

##### Salaries:

Supervisory and Clerical .....	\$	1,754.42
Visiting and Investigation .....		1,282.74
Employment Research .....		1,456.00
Visitors and Supervisory Expense and Travel .....		178.62
Office Supplies .....		30.95
Telephone .....		93.78
Printing and Postage .....		9.19
Building Maintenance .....		247.35
Other .....		37.34

Total Payments .....	\$	5,090.39
Balance to Revenue .....		9.61

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\$	5,100.00	\$	5,100.00
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### General Aid

Appropriation .....	\$	20,000.00
Cash Refunds .....		18.00

#### Payments:

Cash Aid .....	\$	5,089.57
Food .....		173.50
Shelter .....		170.23
Clothing .....		49.21
Fuel and Light .....		28.55
Board .....		4,002.43
Mass. Hospital School .....		302.55
Division Child Guardianship .....		366.00
State Infirmery, Tewksbury .....		537.49
Pondville Hospital .....		107.50
Burials .....		312.00
Paid other Cities and Towns .....		1,631.58

Medical:

Doctors .....	\$	238.90	
Hospital .....		614.25	
Medicine .....		193.97	
Optical .....		31.00	
Nursing .....		9.75	
Ambulance .....		36.25	
Other .....		17.85	1,141.97

Unallocated Payments:

Transportation of Recipients ....	\$	20.70	
Truck Maintenance .....		176.21	
Gas and Oil .....		95.35	
Other .....		8.32	300.58

Total Payments .....	\$	14,213.16	
Transfer to Dog Pound .....		400.00	
Balance to Revenue .....		5,404.84	

\$ 20,018.00	\$ 20,018.00
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**Aid to Dependent Children, Administrative**

Appropriation .....	\$	1,100.00
Federal Grants .....		406.21

Payments:

Salaries:

Supervisory and Clerical .....	\$	455.58
Visiting and Investigation .....		409.06
Visitor's and Supervisory Expense, Travel ...		38.75
Office Supplies .....		15.39
Telephone .....		30.05
Printing and Postage .....		3.06
Building Maintenance .....		4.54
Other .....		3.66

Total Payments .....	\$	960.09
Trans. to General Aid, Administrative .....		200.00
Trans. to Old Age Assistance, Adm. ....		200.00
Balance to Revenue .....		146.12

\$ 1,506.21	\$ 1,506.21
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**Aid to Dependent Children**

Appropriation .....	\$ 13,700.00
Federal Grants .....	3,350.88

**Payments :**

Regular Cash Assistance ..... \$ 13,144.02

**Special Cash Allowances :****Medical :**

Doctors .....	\$ 163.50	
Dental .....	24.50	
Optical .....	17.00	
Medicine .....	51.50	
Hospital .....	90.00	346.50

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Total Payments ..... \$ 13,490.52

Balance to Revenue ..... 3,560.36

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\$ 17,050.88    \$ 17,050.88

**Old Age Assistance Administrative**

Appropriation .....	\$ 4,800.00
Federal Grants .....	1,611.37
Transfer from A.D.C. Administrative .....	200.00

**Payments :****Salaries :**

Supervisory and Clerical .....	\$ 2,574.00
Visiting and Investigation .....	3,149.60
Office Supplies and Equipment .....	35.74
Travel Expense .....	170.62
Stationery and Printing .....	47.19
Social Service Index .....	42.00
Postage .....	84.00
Telephone .....	99.79
Office Building Maintenance .....	304.05
Other .....	41.90

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Total Payments ..... \$ 6,548.89

Balance to Revenue ..... 62.48

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\$ 6,611.37    \$ 6,611.37

## Old Age Assistance

Appropriation .....	\$ 72,700.00
Federal Grants .....	47,934.10
Refunds .....	304.86

### Payments:

Regular Cash Assistance .....	\$108,141.27
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### Special Cash Allowances:

#### Medical:

Doctors .....	\$ 1,633.50	
Hospitals .....	1,449.15	
Police Ambulance .....	20.00	
Medicine .....	1,060.37	
Nursing .....	615.75	
Medical Appliances .....	56.80	
Optical .....	277.50	
Dental .....	147.00	5,260.07
Clothing .....		2.47
Other .....		21.33
Payments to other Cities and Towns .....		552.30

### Payments on account of deceased persons:

Burial Expense .....	\$ 300.00	
Doctors .....	117.50	
Nursing .....	110.25	
Medicine .....	69.18	
Board and Care .....	61.66	
Hospitals .....	232.00	
Police Ambulance .....	3.00	
Other .....	20.28	913.87

Total Payments .....	\$114,891.31
Transfer to School Survey .....	2,500.00
Balance to Revenue .....	3,547.65

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\$120,938.96	\$120,938.96
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## Veterans' Benefits

Veterans' Benefits Appropriation .....	\$ 15,000.00
Refunds .....	119.00

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\$ 15,119.00

Cash Payments .....	\$ 7,234.00
Food .....	100.00
Fuel .....	186.85

Clothes .....	14.74
Board-Rent .....	255.00
Visiting Nurse, etc. ....	536.50
Hospital, Medical, Ambulance. ....	1,124.70
Office Supplies .....	64.15
Telephone .....	49.74
Agent's Salary and Expenses .....	794.43
Clerical .....	819.00
Miscellaneous .....	23.75

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\$ 11,202.86

Transferred to other Accounts ..... 1,400.00

Balance to Revenue ..... 2,516.14

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\$ 15,119.00

### Education

School Dept. General Salaries, Appropriation ..	\$243,226.00
Refunds .....	82.00

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\$243,308.00

Supt., Principals, Teachers .....	\$197,565.95
Substitutes .....	1,947.00
Attendance Officer .....	500.00
School Nurse .....	2,199.84
Medical Inspection .....	1,100.00
Janitors .....	23,809.51
Clerical .....	11,625.51

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Total Payments ..... \$238,747.81

Transferred to School Maint. Acct. .... 3,000.00

Balance to Revenue ..... 1,560.19

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\$243,308.00

School Dept. General Maintenance, Appro. ....	\$ 35,091.00
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Transfer from School Salaries Account .....	1,000.00
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Refund .....	1.00
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\$ 36,092.00

Textbooks, Library, Supplementary Books	\$ 2,651.86
Supplies .....	5,952.41
General Control Expense .....	2,247.87
Supervision Expense .....	418.99
Principal's Office Expense .....	266.57

Commencement .....	280.89	
Other Expenses of Instruction .....	830.44	
Compulsory Attendance .....	204.13	
Medical Service .....	32.09	
Nurse Service .....	558.58	
Fuel .....	8,020.18	
Other Expenses of Oper. Plant .....	7,100.11	
Maintenance .....	4,920.32	
Capital Outlay .....	2,533.18	
Auxiliary Agency, Tuition .....	66.57	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 36,084.19	
Balance to Revenue .....	7.81	
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	\$ 36,092.00	
School Transportation, Appropriation .....		\$ 6,200.00
Expended .....	\$ 5,920.50	
Balance to Revenue .....	279.50	
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	\$ 6,200.00	
School Cafeteria's Appropriation .....		15,000.00
Transfer from School Salaries Account .....		2,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		525.00
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		\$ 17,525.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 4,331.97	
Supplies .....	13,190.67	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 17,522.64	
Balance to Revenue .....	2.36	
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	\$ 17,525.00	
Industrial Tuition, Appropriation .....		\$ 1,500.00
City of Malden .....	\$ 211.75	
City of Somerville .....	129.20	
City of Lowell .....	4.00	
City of Boston .....	68.17	
Essex County Agr. School .....	268.00	
City of Medford .....	267.89	
City of Lawrence .....	3.60	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 952.61	
Balance to Revenue .....	547.39	
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	\$ 1,500.00	



School Department, New Furnaces Account

Appropriation .....		\$ 13,000.00
Engineering Services .....	\$ 1,076.80	
Payments on Contracts .....	11,555.70	
Other Payments .....	367.50	
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	\$ 13,000.00	

School Department, New High School Plans

Appropriation .....		\$ 4,000.00
Survey and Travel .....	\$ 401.06	
Engineering Services .....	290.06	
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	\$ 691.12	
Balance to 1945 .....	3,308.88	
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	\$ 4,000.00	

School Dept. Retirement for Teachers

in Service, Appropriation .....		\$ 760.00
Mass. Teachers' Retirement Board .....	\$ 760.00	
School Dept. Unpaid Tuition Bill 1941, Appro. ..		\$ 30.80
City of Malden .....	\$ 30.80	
School Dept. Elementary School Plans,		
* Transferred from O.A.A. Account .....		\$ 2,500.00
Balance to 1945 .....	\$ 2,500.00	
Public Library, Salaries, Appropriation .....		\$ 6,346.20
Librarian's Salary .....	\$ 1,874.25	
Asst. Librarians .....	2,811.38	
Other Assistants .....	750.93	
Janitor .....	902.95	
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	\$ 6,339.51	
Balance to Revenue .....	6.69	
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	\$ 6,346.20	

Public Library Maintenance, Appropriation .... \$ 3,300.00

Telephone .....	\$ 48.24
Books and Periodicals .....	2,182.27
Binding and Cleaning .....	206.52
Printing and Supplies .....	112.02
Furniture and Equipment .....	17.50
Fuel .....	313.48
Lights .....	164.05
Water and Sewer .....	36.48
Building Repairs and Supplies .....	169.90

Ash Removal .....	14.13	
All Other .....	25.22	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 3,289.81	
Balance to Revenue .....	10.19	
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	\$ 3,300.00	
Cemeteries Appropriation .....		\$ 10,100.00
Transfer from Cemetery Reserve Fund .....		1,000.00
Transfer from Cemetery Bequest Fund .....		2,543.16
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		600.10
Transfer from Care of Soldiers' Graves .....		174.70
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		\$ 14,417.96
Superintendent's Salary .....	\$ 3,172.00	
Clerical .....	988.00	
Pay Rolls .....	8,181.03	
Materials and Supplies .....	2,068.32	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 14,409.35	
Balance to Revenue .....	8.61	
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	\$ 14,417.96	
Care Soldiers' Graves, Appropriation .....		\$ 600.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....		55.90
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		\$ 655.90
Pay Roll .....	\$ 655.90	
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<b>Department of Public Works:</b>		
Administrative Office, Appropriation .....		\$ 6,260.00
Superintendent's Salary .....	\$ 3,771.79	
Clerical .....	1,732.99	
Telephones .....	220.21	
Office Supplies .....	310.73	
Engineering Supplies .....	192.66	
Miscellaneous .....	11.40	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 6,239.78	
Balance to Revenue .....	20.22	
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	\$ 6,260.00	

# Highway Department:

Appropriation .....	\$ 42,000.00
Transfer .....	170.28

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\$ 42,170.28

Pay Roll .....	\$ 24,274.88
Road Material .....	6,462.67
Supplies and Tools .....	2,409.64
Road Machinery Account .....	7,199.31
All Other .....	306.29

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Total Payments .....	\$ 41,152.79
Transfer to Chap. 90 Maint. ....	1,000.00
Balance to Revenue .....	17.49

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\$ 42,170.28

## Maintenance of Storm Drains:

Appropriation .....	\$ 4,185.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 3,439.16
Supplies and Misc. ....	703.07

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Total Payments .....	\$ 4,142.23
Balance to Revenue .....	42.77

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\$ 4,185.00

## Storm Drain Development:

Appropriation .....	\$ 5,000.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 2,227.43
Pipe and Supplies .....	2,363.05
Road Machinery Account .....	409.52

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Total Payments .....	\$ 5,000.00
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## Sidewalk Maintenance and Construction:

Appropriation .....	\$ 4,250.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 3,111.14
Materials, etc. ....	1,129.91

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Total Payments .....	\$ 4,241.05
Balance to Revenue .....	8.95

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\$ 4,250.00

## Snow and Ice Removal:

Appropriation .....	\$ 10,500.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 5,817.21
Plowing and Hauling .....	669.02

Repairs and Supplies .....	2,750.94	
Road Machinery Account .....	1,064.24	
All Other .....	169.27	
Total Payments .....	\$ 10,470.68	
Balance to Revenue .....	\$ 29.32	
	\$ 10,500.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance:		
Transferred from Highway Department .....		\$ 1,000.00
Aid from State .....		1,000.00
Aid from County .....		1,000.00
		\$ 3,000.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 1,572.94	
Road Material .....	787.31	
Road Machinery Account .....	639.75	
Total Payments .....	\$ 3,000.00	
Road Machinery Fund:		
Appropriation .....		\$ 13,500.00
Receipts: Refunds from Gas Tax .....		179.13
		\$ 13,679.13
Repairs to equipment, gasoline and oil .....	\$ 11,892.71	
Balance to 1945 .....	1,786.42	
	\$ 13,679.13	
John Street Dump:		
Appropriation .....		\$ 1,650.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 1,642.81	
Balance to Revenue .....	7.19	
	\$ 1,650.00	
Drainage System Installation:		
1944 Balance Forward .....		\$ 2,178.27
Pay Roll .....	\$ 1,064.27	
Legal Services .....	63.50	
Total Payments .....	\$ 1,127.77	
Balance to 1945 .....	1,050.50	
	\$ 2,178.27	

Mineral Street Bridge:

Appropriation .....		\$ 1,800.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 404.65	
Construction Materials .....	801.11	
Road Machinery Account .....	121.72	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 1,327.48	
Transfer to Snow and Ice Account .....	400.00	
Balance to Revenue .....	72.52	
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	\$ 1,800.00	

Victory Gardens:

Appropriation .....		\$ 1,015.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 383.64	
Misc. ....	4.72	
Road Machinery Account .....	299.00	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 687.36	
Transfer to Snow and Ice .....	300.00	
Balance to Revenue .....	27.64	
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	\$ 1,015.00	

Salvage Account:

Appropriation .....		\$ 735.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 735.00	

Post War Planning:

Appropriation .....		\$ 3,000.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 205.74	
Engineering .....	269.00	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 474.74	
Balance to 1945 .....	2,525.26	
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	\$ 3,000.00	

Park Department:

Appropriation .....		\$ 4,500.00
Memorial Park .....	\$ 686.36	
Leach Park .....	101.61	
Skating Rink .....	410.14	
Commons .....	309.04	
Washington St. ....	1,013.65	
Birch Meadow .....	1,067.58	

Miscellaneous .....	424.54	
Road Machinery Account .....	485.55	
Total Payments .....	\$ 4,498.47	
Balance to Revenue .....	1.53	
	\$ 4,500.00	
Sewer Department Maint. and Const. and Int.:		
Appropriation .....		\$ 12,800.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 6,973.16	
Interest on Bonds .....	850.00	
Insurance .....	673.39	
Tools and Supplies .....	1,818.84	
Road Machinery Account .....	1,735.44	
Total Payments .....	\$ 12,050.83	
Balance to Revenue .....	749.17	
	\$ 12,800.00	
Sewer Department House Connection:		
Appropriation .....		\$ 1,500.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 1,283.94	
Pipe and Miscellaneous .....	216.06	
	\$ 1,500.00	
Water Department, Maintenance, Construction,		
Bonds and Interest:		
Appropriation .....		\$ 50,000.00
Transfer .....		85.19
		\$ 50,085.19
Pay Roll .....	\$ 16,278.90	
Bonds .....	9,000.00	
Interest on Bonds .....	460.00	
Insurance .....	722.66	
Telephones .....	160.07	
Light and Power .....	5,703.27	
New Meters .....	252.00	
Supplies, Tools, and Fittings .....	3,575.40	
Fuel .....	240.19	
Repairs .....	122.27	
Road Machinery Account .....	1,383.47	
All Other .....	1,295.85	
Total Payments .....	\$ 39,194.08	
Balance to Water Reserve .....	10,891.11	
	\$ 50,085.19	



**Municipal Light Department**

Balance from 1943 .....	\$ 71,438.66
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**Receipts:**

Sales Light and Power .....	398,272.27
Merchandise and Jobbing .....	34,929.27
Street Light Appropriation .....	14,000.00
Miscellaneous .....	1,022.63

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\$519,662.83

**Payments:****Pay Roll:**

Construction .....	\$ 2,524.47
Operation .....	102,372.59
Bonds .....	22,000.00
Interest .....	1,952.50

**Bills:**

Construction .....	1,488.86
Operation .....	54,465.51
Energy Purchased .....	165,190.47
Paid to Town .....	51,800.00

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Total Payments .....	\$401,794.40
Balance to 1945 .....	117,868.43

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\$519,662.83

**Municipal Light Dept. Underground Installation**

Balance from 1943 .....	\$ 1,431.59
Balance to 1945 .....	\$ 1,431.59

**Municipal Light Dept. Special Account**

Balance from 1943 .....	\$ 6,000.00
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Bonds .....	\$ 2,000.00
Balance to 1945 .....	4,000.00

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\$ 6,000.00

**Special Committee Low Cost Houses**

Balance from 1943 .....	\$ 500.00
Payments .....	\$ 242.85
Balance to 1945 .....	257.15

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\$500.00

**Interest, not incl. Water, Light and Sewer**

Appropriation .....		\$ 3,000.00
Elementary School .....	\$ 1,400.00	
Relief Loans .....	338.75	
Drainage .....	337.50	
Municipal Garage .....	157.50	
Fire Equipment .....	45.00	
Storm Damage .....	25.00	
County Hospital .....	7.50	
Temporary Loans .....	13.00	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 2,324.25	
Balance to Revenue .....	675.75	
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	\$ 3,000.00	

**Maturing Debt, Not incl. Water and Light**

Appropriation .....		\$ 38,000.00
Relief Loans .....	\$ 12,000.00	
Sewer .....	7,000.00	
Drainage .....	6,000.00	
Elementary School .....	6,000.00	
Fire Equipment .....	2,000.00	
Municipal Garage .....	2,000.00	
Storm Damage .....	2,000.00	
County Hospital .....	1,000.00	
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Total Payments .....	\$ 38,000.00	

**Insurance Account**

Appropriation .....		\$ 11,373.92
Receipts :		
Municipal Light Dept. ....		1,284.48
Water Dept. ....		722.66
Sewer Dept. ....		373.39
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		\$ 13,754.45
Payments :		
Fire Schedule .....	\$ 3,681.30	
Workmen's Compensation .....	3,876.88	
Public Liability .....	448.87	
Burglary and Robbery .....	363.30	
Auto Pub. Liab. and Property Damage .....	2,952.56	
Auto Fire and Theft .....	367.66	

Surety Bonds .....	694.25
General Liability .....	357.24
Miscellaneous .....	18.68
Gas Shovel .....	78.75
Appraisal .....	120.00
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Total Payments .....	\$ 12,959.49
Transferred to Other Accts. ....	552.00
Balance to Revenue .....	242.96
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	\$ 13,754.45

#### **Personal Injuries, Elmer A. Dykens**

Appropriation .....		\$ 65.00
Payments .....	\$ 65.00	

#### **Unpaid Bills, 1940-42**

Appropriation .....		\$ 237.00
Payments .....	\$ 237.00	

#### **House for Dogs**

Transfer from General Aid Account .....		\$ 400.00
Payments .....	\$ 171.83	
Balance to 1945 .....	228.17	
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	\$ 400.00	

#### **Rent American Legion Quarters**

Appropriation .....		\$ 1,500.00
Reading Veterans' Assn. ....	\$ 1,500.00	

#### **Memorial Day Observance**

Appropriation .....		\$ 800.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund .....		35.00
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	\$ 835.00	
Payments .....	\$ 830.85	
Balance to Revenue .....	4.15	
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	\$ 835.00	

#### **Contributory Retirement Fund**

Appropriation .....		\$ 18,763.00
Contributory Retirement System .....	\$ 18,763.00	

### **Servicemen's Retirement**

Appropriation .....		\$ 1,019.69
Contributory Retirement System .....	\$ 1,019.69	

### **Reserve Fund**

Appropriation .....		\$ 4,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense Account .....	\$ 100.00	
Memorial Day Observance .....	35.00	
Municipal Building Maint. ....	100.00	
Recreation Committee .....	250.00	
Garbage Collection .....	133.32	
Cemeteries .....	600.10	
Assessors Expense .....	600.00	
Fire Dept. Salaries .....	12.45	
Treasurer's Clerical .....	10.00	
Care Soldiers' Graves .....	55.90	
School Cafeterias .....	525.00	
Town Counsel's Expenses .....	100.00	
Police Dept. Pension .....	367.35	
Police Dept. Maintenance .....	100.00	
Election and Registration Acct. ....	1,000.00	
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Total Transfer .....	\$ 3,989.12	
Balance to Revenue .....	10.88	
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		\$ 4,000.00

### **Land Court Expenses**

Appropriation .....		\$ 300.00
Payments, Land Court .....	\$ 207.70	
Balance to Revenue .....	92.30	
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		\$ 300.00

### **Town Forest**

Appropriation .....		\$ 1,700.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 1,516.00	
Balance to Revenue .....	184.00	
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		\$ 1,700.00

**Publication Street List**

Appropriation .....		\$	600.00
Payments .....	\$	529.15	
Balance to Revenue .....		70.85	
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	\$	600.00	

**Tercentenary Committee**

Appropriation .....		\$	1,000.00
Balance from 1943 .....		200.00	
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		\$	1,200.00

**Payments :**

Flowers .....	\$	6.00
Express .....		45.00
Music, Band, Amplifier .....		135.00
Printing and Typing .....		441.64
Hall .....		50.00
Pictures .....		30.00
Watchmen .....		43.50
Prizes .....		50.00
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Total Payments .....	\$	801.14
Balance to Revenue .....		398.86
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	\$	1,200.00

**Post War Planning Committee**

Appropriation .....		\$	500.00
Balance to 1945 .....	\$	500.00	

**Capital Expenditures Planning Committee**

Appropriation .....		\$	500.00
Payments .....	\$	185.91	
Balance to 1945 .....		314.09	
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	\$	500.00	

**Excess and Deficiency Account**

Balance from 1943 .....	\$162,779.34
Receipts Redemption of Property .....	2,584.39
Sale of Land .....	221.00
Additional Poll Tax Commitment .....	90.00
Additional Real Estate Commitment .....	96.26
Additional Personal Estate Commitment .....	32.90
Adjustments .....	11.12
Transfer from Fire Loss Special Account .....	288.00
Transfer of Receipts in Excess of Estimate ....	30,961.52
Transfer of Unexpended Balances Appro. Accts.	23,725.81

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\$220,790.34

Transfer from Tax Titles .....	\$ 3,614.36
Transfer to Post War Rehabilitation Fund	75,000.00
Balance to 1945 .....	142,175.98

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\$220,790.34

**Outstanding Debt Balancing Account**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1944 .....	\$329,500.00
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## Loans paid in 1944:

Fire Equipment .....	\$ 2,000.00
Light Department .....	24,000.00
Water Department .....	6,000.00
Sewer Department .....	7,000.00
Middlesex County Hospital .....	1,000.00
Municipal Relief .....	12,000.00
Municipal Garage .....	2,000.00
Drainage 1939 .....	1,000.00
Drainage 1941 .....	5,000.00
Storm Emergency .....	2,000.00
Elementary School .....	6,000.00
Water Filtration Plant .....	3,000.00

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\$ 71,000.00

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1944 .....	258,500.00
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\$329,500.00



# TOWN DEBT DETAIL OF MATURITIES

Year	Municipal Light	Elementary School	Quannapowitt Drainage	Sewer	Municipal Relief '35	Municipal Relief '39	Storm Emergency	Water	Water Filtration	Municipal Garage	Fire Equipment	Totals
1945	\$18,000	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$8,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$61,000
1946	16,000	6,000	5,000	6,000		2,000	2,000	4,000		2,000	1,500	44,500
1947	14,000	6,000	4,000	6,000		2,000	2,000			2,000		36,000
1948	8,000	6,000	4,000	2,000		2,000	2,000					24,000
1949	5,000	5,000	4,000	2,000		2,000	2,000					20,000
1950	4,000	5,000	4,000									13,000
1951	4,000	5,000	4,000									13,000
1952	2,000	5,000										7,000
1953	2,000	5,000										7,000
1954	2,000	5,000										7,000
1955	2,000	5,000										7,000
1956	1,000	5,000										6,000
1957	1,000	5,000										6,000
1958	1,000	5,000										6,000
1959	1,000											1,000
	\$81,000	\$74,000	30,000	\$22,000	\$3,000	\$16,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$3,500	\$258,500

## TRUST FUNDS, CASH AND SECURITIES

Balance Jan. 1, 1944 .....	\$272,410.62	
Hospital Fund Income .....	4,802.19	
Cemetery Bequest Fund Income .....	2,440.33	
Cemetery Bequest Fund Bequests .....	5,030.00	
R. H. S. Scholarship Fund Income .....	85.79	
Public Library Fund Income .....	21.54	
Public Library Fund (H. G. Wadlin) Income ...	36.08	
Hospital Fund Payments:		
For Hospital Care .....		\$ 593.09
For Administrative Expenses .....		120.00
Loss on Sale of Securities .....		1,200.00
Cemetery Bequest Fund:		
For Care of Endowed Lots and Graves ....		2,543.16
R. H. S. Scholarship Fund:		
For Scholarships .....		25.00
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		\$ 4,481.25
Balance Dec. 31, 1944 .....		280,345.30

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	\$284,826.55	\$284,826.55
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### Hospital Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1944 ..		\$171,295.28
Receipts Income .....		4,802.19
Loss on Sale of Securities .....	\$ 1,812.50	
Payments for Hospital Care and Adm. ....	712.89	
Balance Dec. 31, 1944 .....	173,572.08	
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	\$176,097.47	\$176,097.47

### Cemetery Bequest Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1944 .....		\$ 93,168.98
Receipts Income .....		2,440.33
Receipts Bequests .....		5,030.00
Payments for care of Lots and Graves .....	\$ 2,543.16	
Balance Dec. 31, 1944 .....	98,096.15	
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	\$100,639.31	\$100,639.31

### Reading High School Scholarship Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1944 .....		\$ 5,078.90
Receipts Income .....		85.79
Payments Scholarship .....	\$ 25.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1944 .....	5,139.69	
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	\$ 5,164.69	\$ 5,164.69

### Library Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1944 .....	\$ 1,072.03
Receipts Income .....	21.54
Balance Dec. 31, 1944 .....	\$ 1,093.57
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	\$ 1,093.57    \$ 1,093.57

### Library Fund (H. G. Wadlin)

Balance Jan. 1, 1944 .....	\$ 1,795.43
Receipts Income .....	36.08
Balance Dec. 31, 1944 .....	\$ 1,831.51
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	\$ 1,831.51

## STATEMENT OF INVESTED FUNDS

### Hospital Fund

#### Investments Listed at Par or Less:

\$ 7,000 U. S. Savings Bonds Series D 1949 .....	\$ 5,250.00
\$ 4,050—100 Shares First National Bank, Boston .....	4,050.00
\$ 5,000 Chicago B & Q R.R. Co., Ill. Div. "M" 3½'s, 1949 .....	5,000.00
\$ 5,000 Chicago B & Q R.R. Co., Ill. Div. 4's, 1949 .....	5,000.00
\$ 5,000 Penn R.R. Co. Gen. Mort. 4½'s, 1965 .....	5,000.00
\$ 3,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds Series G 2½'s, 1954 .....	3,000.00
\$27,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds Series G 2½'s, 1955 .....	27,000.00
\$49,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds Series G 2½'s, 1956 .....	49,000.00
American Mfg. Co., Common, 72 Shares .....	1.00
Home Bleachery & Dye Works, Pfd., 2 Shares .....	11.00
Sharp, Mfg. Co., Ffrd., 55 Shares .....	1.00
Sharp Mfg. Co., Common, 20 Shares (10921300) .....	1.00
Andover Savings Bank, No. 39860 .....	5,570.76
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 162338 .....	5,836.82
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, No. 230778 .....	5,734.80
Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading, No. 9189 .....	2,778.58
First National Bank, Reading, Savings Dept. No. 6435....	3,030.80
Chelsea Savings Bank, No. 154784 .....	6,207.20
Danvers Savings Bank, No. 2189 .....	1,256.41
Dedham Institute for Savings, No. 72053 .....	3,497.13
Franklin Savings Bank, Boston, No. 187890 .....	2,350.84
Lynn Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 244496 .....	2,312.17
Malden Savings Bank, No. 141347 .....	6,526.73
Melrose Savings Bank, No. 52937 .....	2,362.28
Providence Institute for Savings, Boston, No. 615034 .....	3,437.46
Wakefield Savings Bank, No. 45111 .....	4,666.55
Warren Institute for Savings, Boston, No. 135648 .....	1,898.93
Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 63401 .....	5,355.36
Cash in General Fund .....	7,435.26
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	\$173,572.08

### Cemetery Bequest Fund

Investments listed at Par:

\$17,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds, Series G 2½'s, 1954 .....	\$ 17,000.00
\$10,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds, Series G 2½'s, 1955 .....	10,000.00
\$13,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds, Series G 2½'s, 1956 .....	13,000.00
\$ 5,000 New Eng. Tel. & Tel. 1st Mort. 5's, Series A, 1952 .....	5,000.00
\$ 4,000 N. Y. C. R. R. Ref. Imp. 5's, Series C., 2013 .....	4,000.00
\$ 5,000 No. Pac. Ry. Ref. Imp. 6's, Series B 2047 .....	5,000.00
Blackstone Savings Bank, Boston, No. 10672 .....	1,014.38
Home Savings Bank, Boston, No. 368204 .....	2,502.86
Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 948228 .....	4,253.50
Andover Savings Bank, No. 40177 .....	5,178.48
Cambridge Savings Bank, No. 89112 .....	5,355.91
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, No. 230779 .....	5,276.89
Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading, No. 5103 .....	3,395.03
Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading, No. 10714 .....	3,458.37
Malden Savings Bank, No. 137262 .....	6,698.68
Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 61052 .....	6,399.50
Cash in General Fund .....	562.50
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	\$ 98,096.15

### Library Fund

Investment:

Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 987334 .....	\$ 1,093.57
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### Library Fund (Horace G. Wadlin)

Investment:

Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 1079095 .....	\$ 1,831.51
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### Reading High School Scholarship Fund

Investments:

Andover Savings Bank, No. 39861 .....	\$ 1,000.00
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 161863 .....	3,000.00
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, No. 230306 .....	1,000.00
First National Bank, Reading Savings Dept., 5624 .....	139.69
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	\$ 5,139.69

I hereby certify that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 55, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I have audited the account of the Commissioners of Trust Funds, have examined the securities and verified bank balances and report the foregoing to be a true and accurate statement, December 31, 1944.

LEON G. BENT,  
Town Accountant

# TOWN OF READING BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1944

## ASSETS

Cash in Banks .....	
Cash in Offices .....	
Municipal Light Dept. Consumers' Dep. Fund .....	
Accounts Receivable:	
Taxes: Levy of 1943 .....	\$ 114.41
Real Estate ..	7,699.24
Levy of 1944 .....	32.00
Personal .....	1,287.65
Real Estate ..	54,917.53

Taxes Special Chap. 227 Acts 1944 .....	557.14
Motor Vehicle Excise 1944 .....	382.28
Special Assessments:	
Moth and Tree Work 1943 .....	16.00
Moth and Tree Work 1944 .....	80.70

Sewer Assts. Unapportioned .....	936.41
Sewer Assts. added to taxes 1943....	5.52
Sewer Assts. added to taxes 1944 ....	62.61
Sewer Assts. Int. added to taxes 1943 .....	.88
Sewer Assts. Int. added to taxes 1944 .....	13.14

Sewer H. C. Assts. Unapportioned ..	703.31
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## LIABILITIES

Municipal Light Dept. Consumers' De- posits .....	\$ 13,163.54
Taxes Special .....	557.14
Overlay 1943 .....	\$ 7,813.65
Overlay 1944 .....	13,010.07

Overlay Reserve .....	19,921.59
Premium and Interest Account .....	820.08
Hospital Fund Transfer Account .....	7,435.26
Cemetery Bequest Fund Transfer Acct.	562.50

Cemetery Reserve Fund .....	6,544.02
Unexpended Appropriation Balances ....	21,917.33
Special Funds:	

Edw. W. & Philips H. Raymond Fund	16.78
Morrison Fund .....	9.23
Baseball Fund .....	72.00
Dog License Fees Due County .....	34.80
Sporting License Fees Due State ....	7.25
Special Welfare Fund .....	10.00
Salvage Fund (General Cash) .....	71.90
Withholding Taxes due State .....	4,832.84
Tailings Account .....	460.38
Recovery Account .....	702.15

6,217.33

## BALANCE SHEET (Continued)

## ASSETS

Sewer H. C. Assts. added to taxes 1943 .....	11.21	Municipal Light Dept. Maint. Account ..	117,868.43
Sewer H. C. Assts. Int. added to taxes 1944 .....	27.63	Municipal Light Dept. Underground Ext.	1,431.59
Sewer H. C. Assts. Int. added to taxes 1943 .....	2.79	Municipal Light Dept. Special Account ..	4,000.00
Sewer H. C. Assts. Int. added to taxes 1944 .....	5.22		123,300.02
Sidewalk Assts. Unapportioned .....	790.15	Revenue Reserved until collected:	
Sidewalk Assts. added to taxes 1943 .....	15.71	Motor Vehicle Excise .....	382.28
Sidewalk Assts. added to taxes 1944 .....	112.37	Moth and Tree Assessments .....	96.70
Sidewalk Assts. Int. added to taxes 1943 .....	3.13	Sewer Assts. and Interest .....	1,018.56
Sidewalk Assts. Int. added to taxes 1944 .....	19.81	Sewer H. C. Assts. and Interest .....	750.16
Highway Assts. added to taxes 1943 .....	100.39	Sewer Rentals .....	1,273.62
Highway Assts. added to taxes 1944 .....	296.61	Sidewalk Assts. and Interest .....	941.17
Highway Assts. Int. added to taxes 1943 .....	24.24	Highway Assts. and Interest .....	484.39
Highway Assts. Int. added to taxes 1944 .....	63.15	Victory Garden Assts. .....	
Victory Garden Plowing added to taxes 1944 .....		Tax Titles .....	6,378.32
		Tax Possessions .....	5,781.24
		Departmental Accounts .....	27,419.31
		Municipal Light Accts. Rec. ....	39,551.58
		Water Rates and Liens .....	5,389.32
		Water Dept. Available Surplus .....	
		Real Estate Account .....	89,494.91
		Road Machinery Account .....	46,981.11
		Road Machinery Fund .....	3,291.00
		Loans Authorized Unissued .....	14,135.00
		Surplus Revenue (Excess & Deficiency)	1,786.42
		Post War Rehabilitation Fund .....	7,000.00
		Salvage Fund .....	142,175.98
			75,000.00
			5,800.91

## LIABILITIES

		Revenue Reserved until collected:	
		Motor Vehicle Excise .....	382.28
		Moth and Tree Assessments .....	96.70
		Sewer Assts. and Interest .....	1,018.56
		Sewer H. C. Assts. and Interest .....	750.16
		Sewer Rentals .....	1,273.62
		Sidewalk Assts. and Interest .....	941.17
		Highway Assts. and Interest .....	484.39
		Victory Garden Assts. .....	
		Tax Titles .....	6,378.32
		Tax Possessions .....	5,781.24
		Departmental Accounts .....	27,419.31
		Municipal Light Accts. Rec. ....	39,551.58
		Water Rates and Liens .....	5,389.32
		Water Dept. Available Surplus .....	
		Real Estate Account .....	89,494.91
		Road Machinery Account .....	46,981.11
		Road Machinery Fund .....	3,291.00
		Loans Authorized Unissued .....	14,135.00
		Surplus Revenue (Excess & Deficiency)	1,786.42
		Post War Rehabilitation Fund .....	7,000.00
		Salvage Fund .....	142,175.98
			75,000.00
			5,800.91

28.25



Sewer Rentals .....  
 Loans Authorized .....  
 Tax Titles .....  
 Tax Possessions .....  
 State Aid to Highways .....  
 County Aid to Highways .....  
 Departmental Accounts .....  
 Water Rates .....  
 Water Liens added to taxes 1944 .....  
 Municipal Light Dept. Accts. Receivable .....  
 Metropolitan Sewer Asst. Deficit .....  
 R. H. S. Scholarship Fund due General  
 Cash .....

1,273.62  
 7,000.00  
 6,378.32  
 5,781.24  
 1,000.00  
 1,000.00  
 27,419.31  
 5,342.69  
 46.63  
 39,551.58  
 35.43  
 25.00

\$606,927.85

\$606,927.85

# **DEFERRED ACCOUNTS**

Apportioned Sewer Assts. not due .....  
 Apportioned Sewer H. C. Assts. not due .....  
 Apportioned Sidewalk Assts, not due .....  
 Apportioned Highway Assts. not due .....

\$ 1,368.50  
 466.35  
 4,040.62  
 8,434.07

Apportioned Sewer Assts. Rev. 1945-1952 .....  
 Apportioned Sewer H. C. Assts. Rev. 1945-1953 .....  
 Apportioned Sidewalk Assts. Rev. 1945-1952 .....  
 Apportioned Highway Assts. Rev. 1945-1953 .....

\$ 1,368.50  
 466.35  
 4,040.62  
 8,434.07

\$ 14,309.54

\$ 14,309.54

# **DEBT ACCOUNT**

Loans Outstanding .....

\$ 3,000.00

Municipal Relief 1935 .....

\$ 3,000.00

Municipal Relief 1939 .....

16,000.00

Elementary School .....

74,000.00

Municipal Garage .....

6,000.00

Drainage System .....	30,000.00
Sewer .....	22,000.00
Fire Equipment .....	3,500.00
Storm Emergency .....	10,000.00
Public Service Enterprises	
Municipal Light Dept. ....	81,000.00
Water Dept. ....	10,000.00
Water Filtration Plant .....	3,000.00
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	\$258,500.00

**TRUST FUNDS, CASH AND SECURITIES**

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities .....	\$279,733.00
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	\$279,733.00
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Hospital Fund .....	\$173,572.08
Cemetery Bequest Fund .....	98,096.15
R. H. S. Scholarship Fund .....	5,139.69
Public Library Fund .....	1,093.57
Public Library Fund (H. G. Wadlin) .....	1,831.51
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	\$279,733.00

**CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT FUND**

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Contributory Retirement Fund Cash .....	\$ 1,138.20	Annuity Savings Group I .....	\$ 35,114.43
Savings Bank Deposits .....	6,045.00	Annuity Savings Group II .....	4,777.63
Co-operative Bank Shares .....	11,000.40	Annuity Reserve Group I .....	2,608.71
Bank Stock .....	4,250.00	Annuity Reserve Group II .....	478.62
United States Bonds .....	11,000.00	Pension Accumulation Fund Group I .....	30,186.52
Other Securities .....	50,803.32	Pension Accumulation Fund Group II .....	4,735.32
Accrued Interest on Investments .....	823.54	Expense Account .....	52.56
		Undistributed Income .....	6,086.98
		Special Military Account .....	1,019.69
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	\$ 85,060.46		\$ 85,060.46
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	\$1,244,530.85		\$1,244,530.85

## REPORT OF THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The total membership of the Contributory Retirement System December 31, 1943 was 137. During the year 1944 thirteen members were admitted to the system, five withdrew, nine retired and 2 members deceased, making a total membership of 134 active members.

The following is the financial statement for the year ended December 31, 1944.

### CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT FUND 1944

#### Cash

Balance January 1, 1944 ..... \$ 2,006.47

#### Receipts

##### Receipts 1944:

Securities Sold .....	\$ 38,411.00
Income on Investments .....	2,098.41
Contributions by Members ....	10,246.19
Accrued Interest .....	615.19

##### Appropriation by Town:

Pension Accumulation Fund ...	18,063.00
Expense Fund .....	700.00
Spec. Fund Chap. 419, Acts 1943	1,019.69

71,153.48

\$ 73,159.95

#### Expenditures

##### Payments 1944:

Investments .....	\$ 52,071.00
Accrued Interest .....	380.35
Pensions .....	17,111.42
Annuities .....	336.79
Refunds to members .....	1,414.26
Administration Expense .....	707.93

72,021.75

#### Cash

Balance December 31, 1944 ..... 1,138.20

\$ 73,159.95

## Assets

Cash First National Bank .....	\$ 1,138.20
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### Deposits on Interest:

Mechanics Savings Bank Bk. 19442 .....	\$ 3,045.00
Melrose Savings Bank Bk. 57239 .....	1,000.00
Natick 5c Savings Bank Bk. 60456 .....	1,000.00
Pilgrim Trust Co., Boston, Bk. 6254 .....	1,000.00

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6,045.00

### Co-operative Bank Shares:

Citizen's Co-operative Bank, Haverhill, Bk. 10941 .....	\$ 1,956.40
Concord Co-operative Ban, Bk. 5491 .....	1,747.20
Lexington Co-operative Bank, Bk. 5446 ....	1,775.20
Reading Co-operative Bank, Bk. 9407 ....	1,869.60
Roger Conant Co-operative Bank, Salem, Bk. 12851 .....	1,769.60
Wakefield Co-operative Bank, Bk. 8158 ....	1,882.40

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11,000.40

### Investments:

\$3,000 Brooklyn Union Gas Co. 3½'s 1969 ..	\$ 3,168.75
2,000 Detroit Edison Co. 3's 1970 .....	2,119.02
3,000 Great Northern Ry. Co. 3¾'s 1967 ..	3,195.00
1,000 Great Northern Ry. Co. 5's 1973 .....	1,058.54
6,000 Louisiana & Arkansas Ry. Co. 5's 1969	5,942.12
2,000 Luzene County Pa. Gas & Electric 3¼'s 1966 .....	2,152.10
8,000 New York Central & Hudson R. R. 3½'s 1997 .....	6,922.52
2,000 Northern Indiana Public Service Co. 3½'s 1973 .....	2,063.25
3,000 Pacific Gas & Electric Co. 3's 1974 ..	3,119.67
1,000 Public Service Co. of N. H. 3¼'s 1973	1,088.99
5,000 Schuylkill & Lehigh R. R. Co. 4's 1948	5,000.00
1,000 Southern Calif. Edison Co. 3's 1965 ..	1,052.14
6,000 Southern Pacific Railroad Co. 4's 1955	6,251.29
1,000 U. S. Savings Bond Series G 1956 ....	1,000.00
5,000 U. S. Savings Bond Series G 1955 ....	5,000.00
5,000 U. S. Savings Bond Series G 1956 ....	5,000.00
5,000 Westchester Lighting Co. 3½'s 1967	5,502.02
2,000 Wisconsin Power & Light Co. 3¼'s 1971 .....	2,167.91

50 Shares First National Bk., Boston Cert. No. 207258, 183404, 184626 .....	2,850.00
50 Shares National Shawmut Bk, Boston, Cert. No. 34674, 43093 .....	1,400.00

	\$ 66,053.32
Accrued interest on Investments .....	823.54
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	\$ 85,060.46

### Liabilities

#### Annuity Savings Fund:

Group 1 .....	\$ 35,114.43	
Group 2 .....	4,777.63	
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		39,892.06

#### Annuity Reserve Fund:

Group 1 .....	\$ 2,608.71	
Group 2 .....	478.62	
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		3,087.33

#### Pension Accumulation Fund:

Group 1 .....	\$ 30,186.52	
Group 2 .....	4,735.32	
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		34,921.84

Expense Fund .....	52.56
Undistributed Income .....	6,086.98
Special Military Account .....	1,019.69
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	\$ 85,060.46

J. WARREN KILLAM, JR., Chairman  
 LEON G. BENT, Secretary  
 JOHN J. O'BRIEN  
 Contributory Retirement Board

# TOWN OF READING — POPULATION 10,866

Years	Valuation Abatements in			Total Abatements	Net Valuation
	Valuation	1942	1943	1944	
1942 .....	\$17,560,707	\$ 119,458	\$ 9,185	\$ 6,535	\$ 135,178
Excise .....	724,463	18,470	7,060		25,530
1943 .....	17,596,044		189,971	28,000	217,971
Excise .....	489,510		10,429	1,597	12,026
1944 .....	17,560,325			228,470	17,331,855
Excise .....	369,826			7,764	362,062
Total Valuation 1944 ....	\$54,300,875	\$ 137,928	\$ 216,645	\$ 272,366	\$ 626,939
Property Val. 1944 .....	\$17,930,151.00	Net Valuation for 3 years .... \$53,673,936			
Tax Rate 1944 .....	\$ 35.00	Average Valuation for 3 years 17,891,312			
Req. Sec. 7 .....	\$ 4,390.08	3% of Average Valuation .... 536,739			
		Ratio of Debt to Valuation: Gen. \$0.92 Enterprise W 0.07 Total \$1.44			
		L 0.45			
		.52			

Debt inside limit		E	Total Debt	Net Debt
Debt outside limit				
L	\$81,000.00 }		\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500
W	13,000.00 }	.....G	94,000	94,000
			155,000	155,000
				<hr/>
				\$ 258,500

Available Borrowing Capacity on January 1, 1945.....\$527,239



# REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

For the Year Ended December 31, 1944

## Taxes and Assessments 1942

Uncollected December 31, 1943 .....	\$ 23,666.49	
Interest and Costs Collected .....	1,552.44	
Adjustment .....	.50	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 24,184.23
Transferred to Tax Title .....		806.45
Abated .....		228.75
Uncollected December 31, 1944 .....		.00
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	\$ 25,219.43	\$ 25,219.43

## Taxes and Assessments 1943

Uncollected December 31, 1943 .....	\$ 73,114.17	
Committed 1944 .....	20.00	
Interest and Costs Collected .....	1,745.53	
Refund Account Taxes .....	904.09	
Refund Account Interest and Costs .....	1.80	
Adjustment .....	.07	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 65,768.24
Refund Account Interest and Costs .....		1.80
Refund Account Overpayment .....		91.36
Transferred to Tax Title .....		862.44
Abated .....		1,068.30
Uncollected December 31, 1944 .....		7,993.52
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	\$ 75,785.66	\$ 75,785.66

## Taxes and Assessments 1944

General Tax Warrant .....	\$641,224.08	
Interest and Costs Collected .....	420.79	
Refund Account Taxes .....	1,640.06	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$572,915.52
Refund Account Overpayment .....		128.39
Transferred to Tax Title .....		2,134.45
Abated .....		10,730.99
Uncollected December 31, 1944 .....		57,375.58
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	\$643,284.93	\$643,284.93

## Sewer Rentals

Uncollected December 31, 1943 .....	\$ 1,204.04	
Committed 1944 .....	10,554.17	
Interest and Costs Collected .....	123.99	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 10,541.96
Transferred to Tax Title .....		47.02
Abated .....		19.60
Uncollected December 31, 1944 .....		1,273.622
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	\$ 11,882.20	\$ 11,882.20

## Highway Betterment

Committed .....	\$ 509.95	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 257.15
Deferred Payments .....		252.80
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	\$ 509.95	\$ 509.95
Advance Payments Apportioned Highway .....	370.82	
Interest Collected .....	1.50	
Paid Treasurer .....		372.32
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	\$ 372.32	\$ 372.32

<b>Sidewalk Betterment</b>		
Uncollected December 31, 1943 .....	\$ 49.87	
Committed 1944 .....	790.15	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 30.00
Deferred Payments .....		19.87
Uncollected December 31, 1944 .....		790.15
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	\$ 840.02	\$ 840.02
Advance Payments Apportioned Sidewalk .....	162.33	
Interest Collected .....	.87	
Paid Treasurer .....		163.20
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	\$ 163.20	\$ 163.20
<b>Sewer Betterment</b>		
Uncollected December 31, 1943 .....	\$ 347.39	
Committed 1944 .....	1,212.21	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 496.68
Deferred Payments .....		126.51
Uncollected December 31, 1944 .....		936.41
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	\$ 1,559.60	\$ 1,559.60
Advance Payments Apportioned Sewer .....	\$ 61.11	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 61.11
<b>Sewer House Connection</b>		
Uncollected December 31, 1943 .....	\$ 452.19	
Committed 1944 .....	703.31	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 131.89
Deferred Payments .....		320.30
Uncollected December 31, 1944 .....		703.31
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	\$ 1,155.50	\$ 1,155.50
Advance Payments Sewer House Connection..	92.41	
Interest Collected .....	.27	
Paid Treasurer .....		92.68
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	\$ 92.68	\$ 92.68
<b>Certificates</b>		
Certificates of Municipal Liens .....	\$ 98.00	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 98.00
<b>Estate of Deceased Persons</b>		
Uncollected December 31, 1943 .....	\$ 1,891.21	
Committed 1944 .....	557.14	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 400.00
Abated .....		1,491.21
Uncollected December 31, 1944 .....		557.14
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 2,448.35	\$ 2,448.35
<b>Recapitulation</b>		
Total Receipts from Taxes and Assessments...	\$646,678.43	
Highway Assessments and Interest .....	629.47	
Sidewalk Assessments and Interest .....	193.20	
Sewer Assessments and Interest .....	11,099.75	
House Connections and Interest .....	224.57	
Motor Vehicles Assessments .....	12,870.80	
Interest Costs, etc. ....	3,816.76	
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	\$675,512.98	
Paid Treasurer as per Treasurer's Receipts....		\$675,512.98

WILLIAM E. MORRISON,  
Collector of Taxes

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